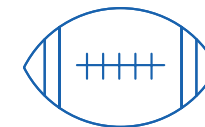


# Sports Field Facilities



# SPORTS FIELD FACILITIES



## Executive Summary

The *Sports Field Facilities Plan* provides a strategic framework to guide the future planning, provision, renewal and management of sports field facilities across the Port Macquarie Hastings Local Government Area over the next 10 years.

Sports field facilities support organised sport, school sport, training, competition, events and informal community use. Across the LGA, these facilities support a broad range of sports including AFL, athletics, baseball, cricket, football, hockey, oztag, rugby league, rugby union, softball and touch football.

The Plan focuses on outdoor sports fields, ovals, diamonds, athletics tracks and associated sports field infrastructure, including playing surfaces, turf quality, field levels, drainage, irrigation, lighting, fencing, line marking, car parking, shade, seating, pathways, signage and sport-specific infrastructure. Supporting built facilities such as clubhouses, changerooms, amenities and storage are recognised as important supporting infrastructure but will be considered in more detail through the *Community Spaces Plan - Sports Field Amenity Plan*.

The Plan is informed by Council's current facility inventory, the *Sporting Facility Condition Assessment & Infrastructure Review*, *Sports Insights* information from clubs and associations, booking data, population forecasts, sport-specific *Facility Guidelines*, the *Port Macquarie Hastings Development Control Plan* and previous strategic planning work, including the *Ross Planning Recreation Needs Study*.

Council's sports field network includes 22 Council-owned/managed sports field facilities across the Port Macquarie Hastings LGA.

This includes:

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • 10 Local facilities    | Council-owned/managed       |
| • 11 District facilities | sports field land           |
| • 1 Regional facility    | • 62.5 full-size equivalent |
| • 138.81 hectares of     | rectangular fields          |

Supplementary facilities, including school, showground and community-managed venues, also support the broader network by providing:

- 26.64 hectares of additional sports field land
- 5.5 full-size equivalent fields

In total, the broader existing sports field network includes 165.45 hectares and 68 full-size equivalent fields.



The key finding of the Plan is that the main network issue is field quality, resilience and effective carrying capacity, rather than field numbers alone. While land supply remains important, the practical capacity of a sports field is also influenced by turf type, soil profile, drainage, irrigation, lighting, maintenance, seasonal conditions, recovery time and the intensity and pattern of use.

Future planning should focus on improving the performance, reliability and capacity of the existing network, while also planning for future provision in growth areas.

The *Sports Field Facilities Plan* provides a practical framework for improving the quality, capacity and resilience of the sports field network. Its priority is not simply to provide more fields, but to ensure that existing and future sports field facilities are fit-for-purpose, well distributed, accessible, resilient and capable of supporting changing participation needs across the Port Macquarie Hastings LGA.



## What is a Sports Field Facility?

A sports field facility is a purpose-built recreational area designed for outdoor field sports such as AFL, athletics, baseball, cricket, football (soccer), hockey, oztag, rugby league, rugby union, softball and touch football. These facilities typically comprise one or more grass or synthetic playing surfaces that are graded, line-marked and equipped with sport-specific infrastructure such as goal posts, cricket wickets, diamonds, running tracks and safety fencing.

Sports field facilities often support more than one sport across the year. Fields may be reconfigured or re-marked between seasons to accommodate different sports, age groups and competition formats. This multi-use approach helps maximise the use of land and infrastructure and allows a single facility to support junior and senior competition, training, social sport and informal community use.

In addition to the playing areas, sports field facilities may include supporting infrastructure such as changerooms, toilets, storage, field lighting, drainage, irrigation, car parking, car park lighting, spectator or player seating, shade and pathways. This Plan focuses on the playing areas and associated infrastructure. Supporting buildings such as clubhouses, changerooms, canteens and storage are recognised but will be considered in more detail through separate, building-focused planning work called the *Community Spaces Plan - Sports Field Amenity Plan*, which sits alongside the *Sports Field Facility Plan*. Together, these elements create safe, functional and welcoming environments that enable people to train, compete and be active in their local community.

## Our Sports Field Facilities network

The sports field facilities network includes all the Council-owned/managed sports field facilities across the Port Macquarie Hastings Local Government Area (LGA). These facilities range from single ovals and fields serving local communities to larger multi-field precincts that function as sport hubs for the wider district and region.

Across the LGA, sports field facilities support a mix of outdoor field sports including AFL, athletics, baseball, cricket, football, hockey, oztag, rugby league, rugby union, softball and touch football. Many facilities accommodate multiple sports across both winter and summer seasons, with fields re-marked or reconfigured throughout the year to support different sports, junior and senior competitions, social formats and informal training. The network also supports a range of compatible community activities where permitted or booked. These may include school sport, social sport, personal training, dog obedience training, drone flying, and occasional training and landing activities associated with hang gliding and paragliding. While these activities contribute to the broader use of sports field facilities, the primary focus of this Plan remains the organised sports field provision.

The network includes a number of key multi-use precincts that attract participants from across Port Macquarie, Lake Cathie / Bonny Hills, Camden Haven, and Wauchope,

Surrounds and Hinterland. These precincts typically provide multiple fields, shared amenities and supporting infrastructure, and are often located near other places to play such as outdoor courts, play spaces and shared paths. Smaller local ovals and fields, often in villages or townships, also continue to play an important role in providing accessible opportunities for community sport, social connection and informal recreation.

Supplementary sports field facilities, including community/club-managed facilities, showgrounds and school-based venues, also contribute to the broader sports field network across the LGA. These venues can support local training, competition and overflow capacity. However, as they are not owned, managed or maintained by Council, they are recognised as supplementary facilities that support Council's core sports field network.

Sports field facilities are shown in the maps below. A detailed existing sports field facility inventory, including ownership / management type, classification, land area and full-size equivalent field supply, is provided in *Appendix A*.

## Scope

The purpose of this Plan is to guide the future planning, provision and management of sports field facilities in the Port Macquarie Hastings Council LGA, and to help ensure there is sufficient, fit-for-purpose provision of sports field facilities over the next 10 years.

To support the development of this Plan, Council undertook two key pieces of work to build a stronger understanding of existing facilities and club needs:

- A **Sporting Facility Condition Assessment & Infrastructure Review** to provide a consistent view of the current condition, functionality and risks associated with existing sports field infrastructure
- A **Sports Insights** document, informed by sporting associations and clubs, which collates information on membership levels, current use, priority projects and future project opportunities at each sporting facility

The insights from these two projects form a core part of the evidence base for this Plan, alongside other strategic documents, technical analysis and Council data.

For the purposes of this Plan, sports field facilities are understood to include outdoor playing areas for field sports such as AFL, athletics, baseball, cricket, football, hockey, oztag, rugby league, rugby union, softball and touch football.

### INCLUDED IN THIS PLAN:

- Outdoor sports fields, ovals, diamonds and athletics tracks used for training and competition in the sports listed above
- The range of sports field infrastructure that supports venue function such as playing surfaces, turf and field levels, field drainage, field irrigation, field lighting, perimeter and sport-specific fencing, bins, emergency access, field line marking, drinking fountains, car parking, car park line marking and car park lighting, seating and shade (structural shade and trees), pathways, scoreboards, PA systems, goal posts, signage and bike racks

### RECOGNISED BUT NOT ADDRESSED IN DETAIL:

- Built facilities such as clubhouses, changerooms, canteens and storage are recognised as important infrastructure for sports field facilities and play an integral role as shared spaces for multiple sports, clubs and user groups. Due to their complexity and importance, more detailed planning for these buildings will be undertaken through the *Community Spaces Plan - Sports Field Amenity Plan*, which sits alongside this Plan



This Plan forms part of Council's *Places to Play* planning framework and supports the implementation and future review of the *Recreation and Open Space Action Plan (ROSAP)*. It also draws on, and complements, related strategic planning work including the *Ross Planning Recreation Needs Study* and relevant sports *Facility Guidelines*.

This Plan is also informed by broader participation evidence, including *AusPlay* data published by the Australian Sports Commission. While *AusPlay* is national in scale and does not replace local facility, booking and membership data, it provides useful context on lifelong involvement in sport, changing participation patterns across age groups, and the importance of retention, re-entry and non-playing roles in the sport system.

## Strategy objectives

1. Set the direction for future planning, renewal and delivery of sports field facilities within the LGA.
2. Establish the framework and provision benchmarks for sports field facilities within the LGA.
3. Guide decisions about which sports field facilities should be retained, renewed, upgraded, reconfigured, consolidated, or proposed in response to participation, condition, population growth and community need.



## How previous strategic work has informed this Plan

### ROSS PLANNING RECREATION NEEDS STUDY

The 2014 *Ross Planning Recreation Needs Study* has been considered as background context only in preparing this Plan. While prepared using earlier population projections, different open space classifications and planning assumptions, it still provides useful context on the performance of the sports field network, the role of District and Regional precincts, and issues that remain relevant today.

This Plan is informed primarily by Council's current facility inventory, condition and infrastructure data, *Sports Insights* information, booking data, current and forecast population, and more recent planning work. It also reflects a different planning context, including changed community expectations, evolving participation patterns, and the treatment of Lake Cathie / Bonny Hills as a separate planning area.

As background context, the study remains useful in highlighting:

- The importance of effective capacity, not just field numbers
- The influence of flood resilience, field drainage, field lighting and supporting infrastructure on network performance
- The value of precinct-based provision and shared infrastructure
- The importance of long-term planning for additional District and Regional-level sports field capacity

The study identified flooding, drainage and lighting as major constraints across the network. It found that the capacity of existing fields and precincts, particularly Tuffins Lane Playing Fields and Stuart Park Sporting Precinct, could be improved through:

- Improved field drainage
- Improved field lighting
- Increased maintenance resources
- Stricter seasonal booking controls

The study also identified the benefits of dedicated sport precincts with flexible-use fields and shared infrastructure, including parking, access roads, clubhouses, amenities, storage, signage and field lighting. Since the study was completed, Council has progressed several projects that partly respond to the broader need for additional District and Regional-level sports field capacity identified in the earlier study, including:

- Delivery of Stage 1 Rainbow Beach Sporting Complex
- Planned delivery of Thrumster Sporting Fields Stage 1 from 2026 to 2028
- Progression of Wayne Richards Park Stage 3 and 4 to detailed design
- Identification of the staged Hastings Regional Sporting Complex as future Regional-level provision

These findings remain relevant to this Plan, particularly where existing facilities are under pressure or where effective capacity is constrained by infrastructure, drainage, lighting or supporting amenities.



## Guiding design principles

- **Equitable distribution** of sports field facilities across the LGA, tailored to the specific needs of different sports and informed by local participation, population and community need.
- **Inclusive and accessible** sports field facilities that are designed for people of different abilities, ages, genders and cultural backgrounds. Facilities should be easy to access, provide safe and welcoming environments, and support equitable participation across life stages, including for women and girls. Appropriate infrastructure such as paths, seating, shade, viewing areas and amenities should support comfortable and functional community use.
- **Sport-specific and classification-led design**, where playing areas and associated infrastructure are designed and equipped to meet the requirements of each sport and the role of the facility in the network (Local, District or Regional). This includes consideration of field dimensions, surfaces, field lighting, field line marking, field safety run-offs and ancillary infrastructure, informed by relevant sport-specific guidelines, local participation trends and population demographics.
- **Multi-use and flexible fields**, where feasible, so that sports field facilities can accommodate multiple sports and formats across winter and summer seasons and support both structured competition and informal use. This may include flexible field layouts, adaptable field line marking and shared goal or equipment configurations that enable safe and practical use by different sports and age groups.
- **Efficient and adaptable infrastructure** that can respond to changing participation, local needs and venue demand over time. This may include higher-performing turf or synthetic surfaces in high-use locations, staged delivery of infrastructure, and facility elements that can be expanded, upgraded or reconfigured as needs change. This approach supports efficient use of land, funding and long-term investment across the network.
- **Co-location with other facilities**, such as outdoor courts, play spaces, car parking and amenities, to maximise capacity, usage and the overall value of key sport and recreation hubs. Co-locating facilities supports shared infrastructure, encourages multi-activity visits and strengthens the role of precincts as community meeting places.
- Implement the **Everyone Can Play Guidelines** and adopt the 3 principles:



Can I  
get there?



Can I  
play?



Can I  
stay?

## Infrastructure assessed in this Plan

Sports field facilities rely on a range of infrastructure that together determines how safe, functional and fit-for-purpose each venue is, and how well it can support training, competition and informal use.

Relevant sport *Preferred Facility Guidelines*, competition standards and similar sport-specific reference documents identify the infrastructure required or recommended for different sports and facility types. These documents often describe facility components using terms such as essential, required, recommended, desired, optional or non-essential, depending on the sport and the role of the facility in the network.

For the purposes of this Plan, Council considers these requirements alongside the intended classification of each facility, local competition needs, operational requirements and site-specific constraints.

\* Built amenities and storage are recognised as important components of sports field facilities. More detailed planning for these elements will be progressed through the *Community Spaces Plan – Sports Field Amenity Plan*, which sits alongside this Plan.

The main infrastructure components considered in this Plan include:

- Playing surface, including field levels, turf type and turf quality
- Field lighting
- Field drainage
- Field irrigation
- Facility perimeter fencing, including vehicle barriers
- Sport-specific fencing, such as baseball, softball and other ball-stop fencing
- Emergency access to fields
- Clubhouse and amenities, including changerooms, toilets, showers, canteens/kiosks, match officials' rooms,
- first aid rooms and club rooms\*
- Sport-specific equipment, such as goal posts, cricket pitches, discus cages and long jump pits
- Field line marking
- Car parking, including layout and line marking
- Car park lighting
- Drinking fountains
- Bins
- Storage areas\*
- Seating and shade
- Pathways
- Scoreboards
- PA systems
- Signage
- Bike racks

## FIELD PERFORMANCE AND EFFECTIVE CAPACITY

The practical capacity of a sports field is influenced by more than its size or classification. Fields of similar area can perform very differently depending on turf type, soil profile, drainage, irrigation, lighting, maintenance, seasonal conditions, recovery time and the intensity and pattern of use.

In the Port Macquarie Hastings LGA, field performance also varies between coastal and inland locations, where rainfall, moisture, temperature, humidity and turf growth patterns can influence how quickly fields recover from use.

For this reason, the Plan considers effective capacity as well as land area and field numbers. Detailed carrying capacity and sport-specific field adequacy assessment tables are provided in *Appendix B*.





## Sports Field Facility categories and distribution

Sports field facilities in the Port Macquarie Hastings LGA are planned and managed within a classification of Local, District and Regional facilities. These classifications are informed by the *Preferred Facility Guidelines* of relevant sports and help match the level of infrastructure and investment to the role each facility plays in the network.

**Note:** The classification, categories and examples in this Plan should be read in conjunction with relevant sport *Preferred Facility Guidelines* and local competition requirements. They are intended to guide future upgrades and development rather than assess the suitability of all existing venues. Council will, wherever practicable, seek over time to achieve at least the minimum standards identified in the relevant *Preferred Facility Guidelines* at existing venues, through ongoing maintenance, renewal and improvement programs, having regard to site constraints, funding availability and opportunities for shared or multi-use provision.

### LOCAL SPORTS FIELD FACILITIES

#### What

Local sports field facilities usually provide one oval or rectangular field, or a small number of fields, for junior and senior matches, training and participation programs. Facilities are maintained to a standard suitable for local-level competition and lower-grade fixtures, with modest amenities and basic supporting infrastructure. Examples include Kendall Sportsground, Lake Cathie Sporting Complex, Findlay Park, and Charlie Watt Reserve.

#### Where

Local facilities typically serve a single suburb, township or village. They are often shared seasonally between different sports, for example cricket in summer and football or rugby in winter.

#### Who

Local facilities primarily cater for local community clubs and schools, junior and senior grassroots competitions, participation programs and informal community use. They are particularly important for people who rely on close-to-home opportunities to participate in sport.

## DISTRICT SPORTS FIELD FACILITIES

### What

District sports field facilities provide higher-capacity, more versatile venues that support multiple sports and multiple clubs. They generally include two or more fields or ovals, with supporting infrastructure such as changerooms, toilets, storage, car parking, and training and competition-standard lighting on selected fields. Playing surfaces and amenities are maintained to a standard suitable for regular junior and senior competition, including higher grades within local or district competitions. Examples include Vince Inmon Sporting Complex, Rainbow Beach Sporting Complex, Stuart Park Sporting Precinct, and Lank Bain Sporting Complex.

### Where

District facilities draw participants from multiple suburbs, townships or rural areas. They often form broader sport and recreation precincts, with co-located facilities such as outdoor courts, play spaces, and shared paths.

### Who

District facilities cater for larger community clubs and associations, multiple teams across age groups and genders, and occasionally district-level finals, gala days and development programs. They serve residents from a wider catchment who are prepared to travel further for higher-level competition, training and events.

## REGIONAL SPORTS FIELD FACILITIES

### What

Regional sports field facilities are the highest-order venues in the network. They provide multiple high-quality fields or ovals, with flexible configurations to support tournaments, carnivals, representative fixtures and higher-level competition. Playing surfaces are maintained to a high standard, and infrastructure typically includes multiple changerooms and officials' spaces, larger car parking areas, training and competition-standard lighting on selected fields, scoreboards, PA systems and, where justified, grandstands and other event infrastructure. An example is Port Macquarie Regional Sports Stadium.

### Where

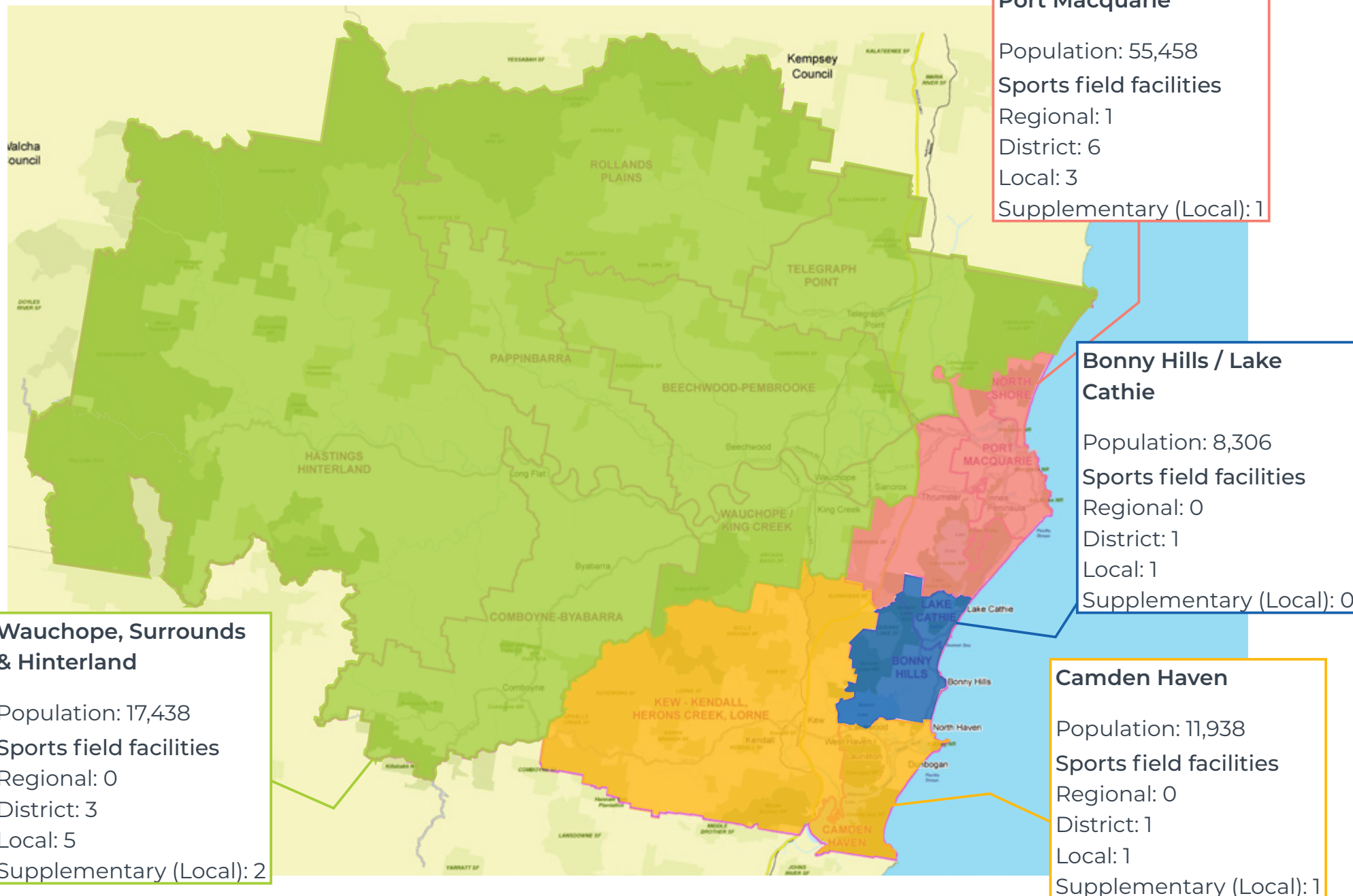
Regional facilities serve the whole LGA and, in some cases, a broader regional catchment. They often form major sport and recreation precincts that cater for more than one sport or activity.

### Who

Regional facilities cater for upper divisions of regional competitions, representative teams, major tournaments and special events, as well as local and district competitions that rely on higher quality and capacity. They attract participants, officials and spectators from across Port Macquarie Hastings and surrounding LGAs, and play a strategic role in talent pathways and sports tourism.



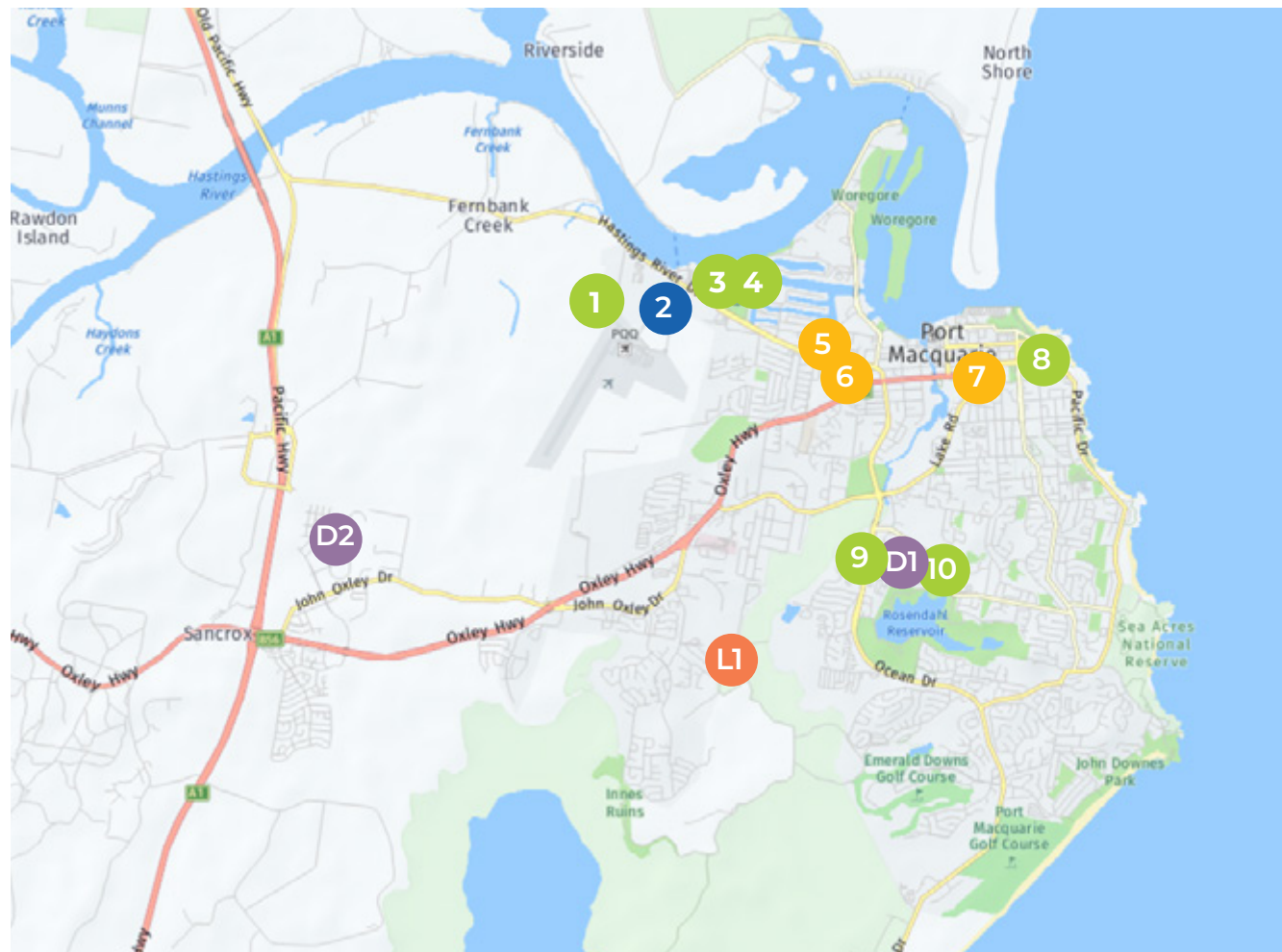
## Our Sports Field Facilities maps







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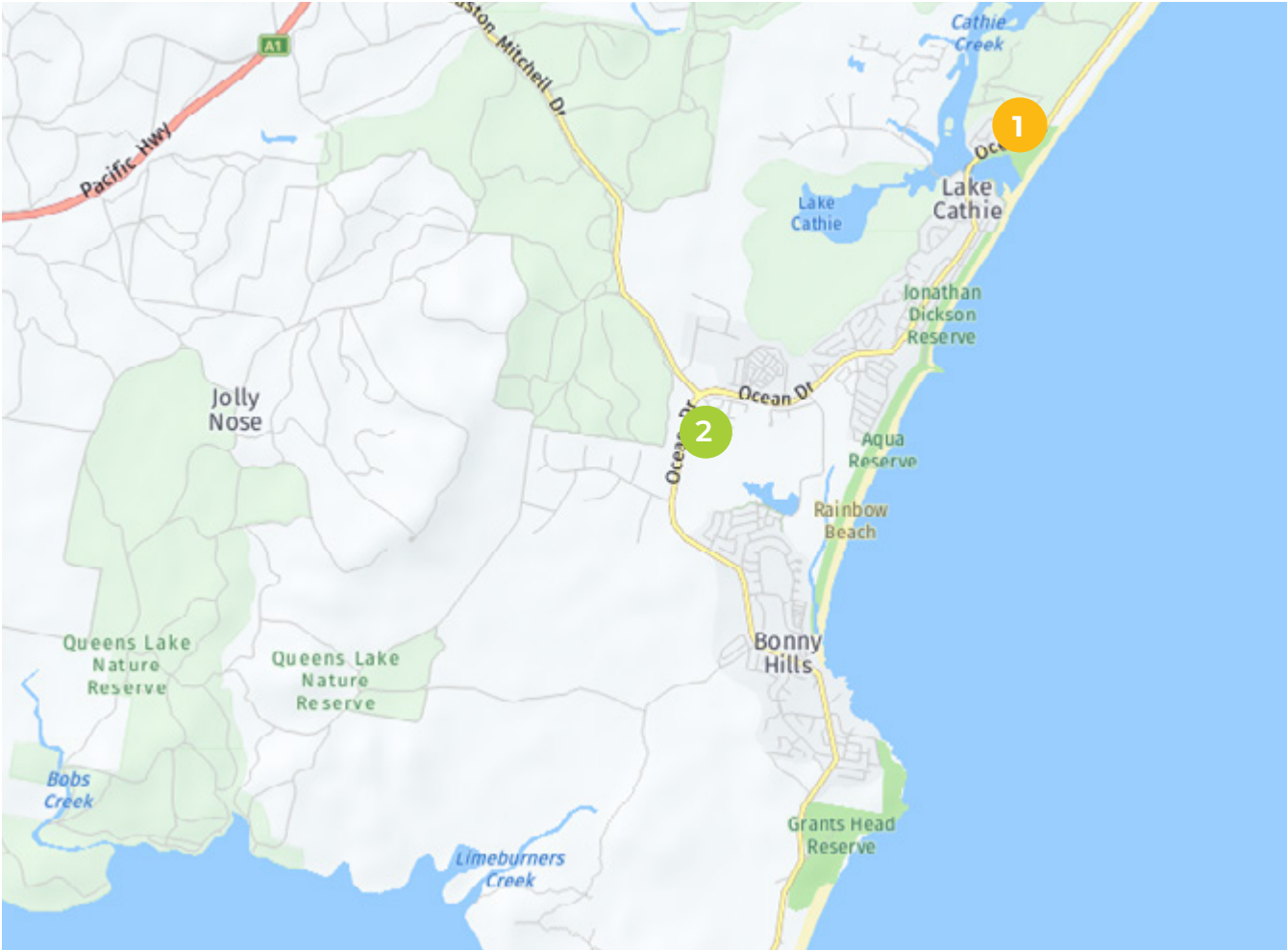


1. Tuffins Lane Playing Fields
2. Port Macquarie Regional Sports Stadium
3. Stuart Park Sporting Precinct - Wood Street Fields
4. Stuart Park Sporting Precinct - Stuart Park Fields
5. Dixie Park
6. Findlay Park
7. Macquarie Park
8. Oxley Oval
9. Port Macquarie Hockey Complex (club managed)
10. Wayne Richards Park
- L1. St Columba Anglican School (Iona Football Club)
- D1. Wayne Richards Park - Stage 3 & 4
- D2. Thrumster Sporting Fields - Stage 1 & 2

## Legend

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| L# Proposed (Local)      | D# Proposed (District)      | R# Proposed (Regional)      |                      |
| L# Supplementary (Local) | D# Supplementary (District) | R# Supplementary (Regional) |                      |

LAKE CATHIE / BONNY HILLS



1. Lake Cathie Sporting Complex
2. Rainbow Beach Sporting Complex

Legend

- # Local

# District

# Regional

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- L# Proposed (Local)

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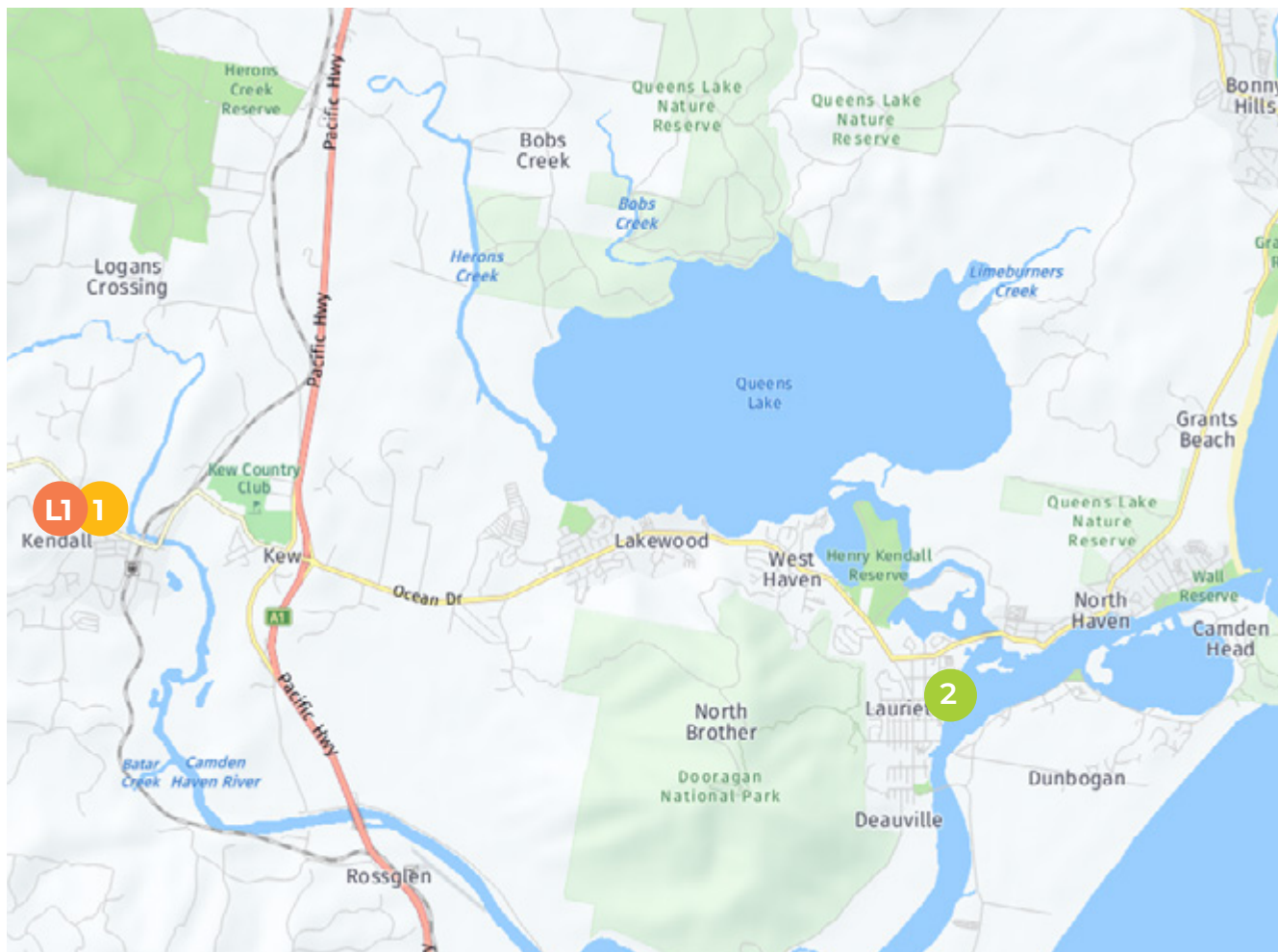
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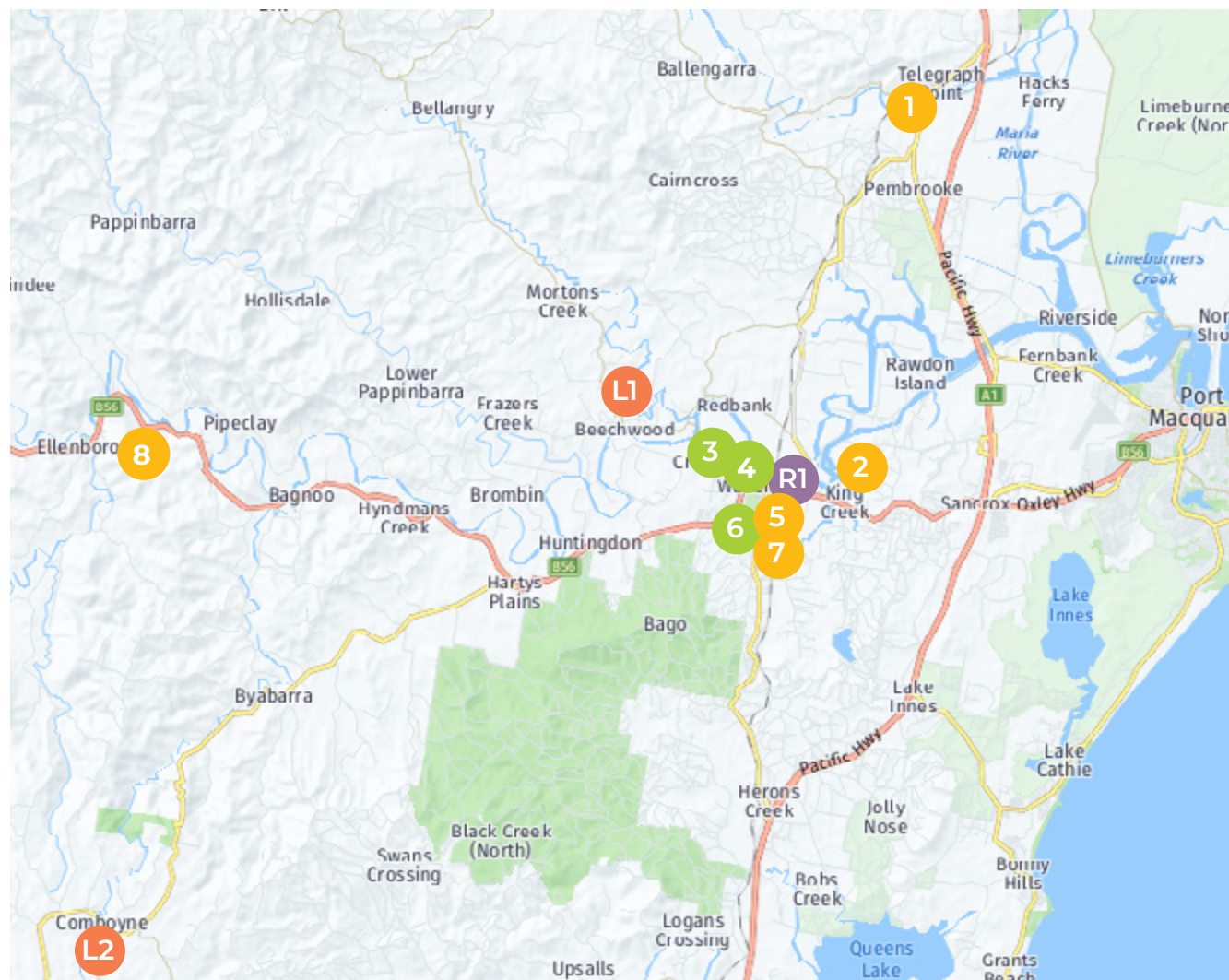
1. Kendall Sportsground
2. Vince Inmon Sporting Complex
- L1. Camden Haven Showground (community/club managed)

### Legend

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## WAUCHOPE, SURROUNDS AND HINTERLAND



1. Charlie Watt Reserve
2. Sancrox Reserve
3. Lank Bain Sporting Complex
4. Andrews Park
5. Landrigan Park
6. Blackbutt Park
7. Fairmont Gardens Sporting Fields
8. Long Flat Showground
- R1. Hastings Regional Sports Complex
- L1. Beechwood Oval (community/club managed)
- L2. Comboyne Showground (community/club managed)

### Legend

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## Facility usage data

Facility usage data provides an important picture of how the sports field network functions in practice. It helps identify where demand is concentrated, which venues carry the highest player loads, where seasonal overlap occurs, and where effective capacity may be constrained despite land area or field numbers appearing adequate.

For the purposes of this Plan, usage data is used as a strategic indicator rather than a precise measure of actual field wear. Council has reviewed booking information, but hours-of-use data is not considered reliable enough to support venue-by-venue carrying capacity assessment at this stage. In practice, some clubs do not consistently book the fields they use, some book one field but train across multiple fields, some book whole venues but use only part of the site, and some bookings extend beyond the practical hours of use available at unlit venues.

For this reason, the Plan places greater emphasis on participation-based demand, particularly the number of registered players or participants relative to available field supply. This is considered alongside turf performance, condition, drainage, irrigation, lighting, seasonal use patterns, classification role, land area, population growth and broader strategic context.

### HOW USAGE DATA WILL BE APPLIED IN THIS PLAN

- Confirm if facilities are performing in their intended Local, District or Regional role
- Strengthen benchmark testing by showing where demand is concentrated and where effective capacity is constrained
- Identify seasonal overlap, heavy weekly use, and reliance on a small number of lit or well-drained fields
- Help explain differences in adequacy and resilience between the LGA's four main areas
- Strengthen the evidence base for proposed renewals, upgrades, reconfiguration, staging and future provision

This approach helps distinguish between theoretical supply and effective, usable capacity across the sports field network.



## Sport-specific considerations



**AFL** has specific requirements for field dimensions, field safety run-offs, and training and match-day infrastructure. Council refers to the *AFL Preferred Community Facility Guidelines* when designing and planning fields used for the sport.

The Guidelines establish a *Community Football Facility Hierarchy* comprising State, Regional, Local, Remote, Junior, School and Training Areas. Within the Port Macquarie Hastings LGA, Council-managed AFL venues primarily function at the Local and Regional levels, based on the role each venue plays in supporting participation and competition.



**Athletics** has specific requirements for track geometry, safety clearances, event areas and associated infrastructure. Council refers to the *World Athletics Track & Field Facilities Manual*, together with relevant NSW athletics facility planning work, when designing and planning athletics facilities used for the sport.

For planning purposes, the existing athletics venues in the Port Macquarie Hastings LGA that were assessed through the *NSW Athletics Facility Strategy* work were classified as Local Club/Centre facilities. In this context, these venues primarily support Little Athletics, club-based training and competition, school carnivals and broader community use.



**Baseball** has specific requirements for diamond geometry, safety fencing, player areas and training infrastructure. Council refers to Baseball Australia's *Club Facility Resource Guide* and associated resources when designing and planning facilities used for the sport.

The *Club Facility Resource Guide* defines four event categories for baseball facility planning: ABL, Baseball Australia National Events, International Events and Club Competition. Within the Port Macquarie Hastings LGA, Blackbutt Park is the sole baseball venue and primarily functions as a Club Competition facility.



**Cricket** has specific requirements for playing field geometry, pitch provision, field safety run-offs and supporting infrastructure. Council refers to Cricket Australia's *Community Cricket Facility Guidelines* when designing and planning sports field facilities used for the sport.

The *Community Cricket Facility Guidelines* define three levels of community cricket facilities: Premier, Club (Home) and Club (Satellite). Within the Port Macquarie Hastings LGA, cricket facilities function across a mix of Premier, Club (Home) and Club (Satellite) venues.





**Football** has specific requirements for field dimensions, field safety run-offs, and training and match-day infrastructure. Council refers to Football NSW and Northern NSW Football suite of *Facility Guides*, competition standards and *FIFA Guidelines* when designing and planning fields used for the sport.

For community football within Council's sports field network, the most relevant classification level is Local Club venue.



**Hockey** has specific requirements for playing surfaces, field dimensions, safety run-offs and supporting infrastructure. Council refers to *Hockey Australia's Facility Resource Guides* when designing and planning fields used for the sport.

For planning purposes, Hockey Australia has separate hierarchies for venues and fields. The clubhouse hierarchy classifies venues as International/National/State, Regional, District/Large Club and Local Club based on whole-of-venue scale, catchment and facility provision. Fields are classified using the FIH categories: Category 1-2 (FIH Global), Category 3 (FIH National and Tier 2 International / Centre of Excellence), Category 4 (Community), and Category 5 (Multi-sport 3G).

Within the Port Macquarie Hastings LGA, the Port Macquarie Hockey Complex is the sole hockey venue and functions as a District/Large Club facility, with its playing fields broadly aligning with FIH Category 3.





**Oztag** does not publish a standalone *Preferred Facility Guidelines* document in the same way as some other sports. However, Australian Oztag's *Official Rulebook* and *Venue Checklist* provide the core requirements and practical considerations to inform facility planning. Council refers to these documents when designing and planning fields used for the sport.



**Rugby League** has specific requirements for field dimensions, field safety run-offs, and training and match-day infrastructure. Council refers to the *NRL Community Rugby League Preferred Facility Guidelines*, competition standards and *International Laws of the Game* when designing and planning fields used for the sport.

The guidelines define three levels of facility: State, Regional and Local. Within the Port Macquarie Hastings LGA, Rugby League venues primarily function as Regional and Local facilities.



**Rugby Union** has specific requirements for field dimensions, field safety run-offs, and training and match-day infrastructure. Council refers to the *Rugby AU National Facility Guidelines*, competition standards and *Laws of the Game* when designing and planning fields used for the sport.

The guidelines define three levels of facility: Elite/National, State/Regional, and Club Level. Within the Port Macquarie Hastings LGA, Rugby Union venues primarily function as Club Level facilities.



**Softball** has specific requirements for diamond geometry, safety fencing, player areas and training infrastructure. Council refers to Softball Australia's *Facility Management Guide* when designing and planning facilities used for the sport.

Softball Australia does not apply a formal facility hierarchy. The guide focuses on diamond dimensions, lighting and safe facility management, which Council uses to guide planning and upgrades at softball venues.



**Touch Football** has specific requirements for field dimensions, field safety run-offs, and training and match-day infrastructure. Council refers to the *Touch Football Australia Preferred Facility Guidelines* when designing and planning fields used for the sport.

The guidelines define four levels of facility: Premier, Regional, Affiliate (Tier A) and Affiliate (Tier B). Within the Port Macquarie Hastings LGA, Touch Football venues primarily function as Affiliate facilities. Where Council hosts major representative tournaments such as the NSW Touch Football State Cup, the Port Macquarie Regional Sports Stadium and Tuffins Lane Playing Fields perform a Premier-level role consistent with the hierarchy's intent for major tournaments.

## Determining provision benchmarks

### WHY WE NEED BENCHMARKS

Provision benchmarks help Council answer a simple question: do we have enough sports fields, in the right places, in good enough condition, to meet community needs now and into the future?

Benchmarks help Council to:

- Understand whether the current network is meeting demand
- Identify where fields are overused, poor quality or hard to access
- Plan improvements and investment over the short, medium and long term
- Guide decisions about whether facilities should be retained, renewed, upgraded, reconfigured, consolidated, or proposed

Benchmarks are not fixed rules. They are used alongside sport-specific guidelines, local competition requirements, detailed master planning, and site-specific feasibility and design investigations.

Provision benchmarks in this Plan are informed by the following key inputs:

- What we have: Council's inventory of sports field facilities, including the Local/District/Regional classification

- How they are performing: the *Sporting Facility Condition Assessment & Infrastructure Review*, including surface condition, drainage, irrigation, lighting and safety issues
- How they are used: *Sports Insights* information provided by clubs and associations, together with Council booking data, to understand how sports field facilities are used across the year, including membership, participant numbers, players per field, seasonal demand, training and competition patterns, priorities and future needs
- Population and growth: Current and forecast population distribution across the LGA
- Sport-specific guidance: relevant *Preferred Facility Guidelines*, competition standards and similar reference documents, which help inform facility roles, infrastructure expectations and benchmark testing for different sports
- Council's planning framework: relevant sports field provision guidance within the *Port Macquarie Hastings Development Control Plan 2013, March 2024 version (DCP)*
- Historical strategic work: previous recreation and open space planning, including work undertaken by *ROSS Planning*, which provides background context on sports field provision, demand and network planning across the LGA



## CARRYING CAPACITY BENCHMARK METHODOLOGY

As part of benchmark testing, indicative carrying capacity has been considered to help understand how well sports fields can support current and future demand. A field count or hectare measure can appear adequate on paper, but practical capacity may be lower where fields are in poor condition, regularly closed, poorly drained, unlit, overused or unable to recover between periods of use.

For this Plan, player-based carrying capacity is used as the primary comparative measure at venue level. While hours-of-use data can be a useful operational indicator, Council's current booking data does not provide a sufficiently reliable basis for network-wide carrying capacity assessment because actual use does not always align with booked use. In this context, player load per full-size equivalent field is considered a more reliable strategic measure when interpreted alongside turf performance, field condition, drainage, irrigation, lighting, seasonal use patterns and operational knowledge of the network.

Synthetic turf hockey fields are assessed differently to natural turf fields. Hockey Australia and FIH guidance does not nominate a maximum player-per-week carrying capacity for synthetic hockey turf. Instead, synthetic hockey field capacity is more appropriately assessed through programmed hours of use, field availability, competition and training schedules, lighting, maintenance requirements, and lifecycle renewal planning.

The *NSW Best-practice guidelines for sporting fields* indicate that, under optimal growing conditions on the mid-north coast, indicative carrying capacity varies by turf cultivar. In general terms, couch cultivars with a dense canopy and rapid growth have the highest indicative carrying capacity of the turf types listed, while kikuyu, winter-oversown warm-season turf, and slower-growing or thinner canopy couch cultivars have lower indicative carrying capacities. Some fields within the network are established with couch cultivars with dense canopy and rapid growth, including Rainbow Beach Sporting Complex, Lake Cathie Sporting Complex Field 1 and Wayne Richards Park Field 4. These fields have higher indicative carrying capacity than standard natural turf fields and should be interpreted accordingly in the carrying capacity assessment.





## Indicative weekly senior player carrying capacity by turf type under optimal growing conditions - mid and north coasts

| Turf type / turf condition                        | Indicative weekly carrying capacity (senior players per full-size football field) | Indicative weekly carrying capacity (Mixed use - 65% junior/35% senior per full-size football field) | Indicative weekly carrying capacity (Junior-dominant use under 16 per full-size football field) |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Kikuyu                                            | 160 to 200 players                                                                | 204 to 255                                                                                           | 240 to 300                                                                                      |
| Warm-season turf oversown in winter               | 160 to 200 players                                                                | 204 to 255                                                                                           | 240 to 300                                                                                      |
| Slow-growing or thinner canopy couch              | 160 to 200 players                                                                | 204 to 255                                                                                           | 240 to 300                                                                                      |
| Couch cultivar with dense canopy and rapid growth | 550+ players                                                                      | 702 or more                                                                                          | 825+                                                                                            |

For planning purposes, the mixed-use and junior-dominant carrying capacity values in the table above are indicative interpretations informed by broader guidance that players under 16 generally cause approximately one-third less surface wear than senior players. A mixed-use scenario of 65 per cent junior players under 16 and 35 per cent senior players is included as an indicative planning scenario only to help interpret fields that support both junior and senior participation.

The carrying capacity ranges used in this Plan are planning tools rather than fixed pass/fail benchmarks. They should be applied as part of a broader assessment of field performance, demand, site constraints and the intended role of each facility within the network.

## HISTORICAL STRATEGIC BENCHMARK CONTEXT

The *Port Macquarie Hastings DCP* applies a subdivision-based provision rate of **1.5ha per 1,000 people for active open space (sports fields)**. To support a more balanced and strategically planned open space network, the *Ross Planning Recreation Needs Study* proposed a higher strategic benchmark of **1.9ha per 1,000 people for sport open space**. This benchmark was informed by the *Recreation and Open Space Planning Guidelines for Local Government (NSW)*, adapted to the Port Macquarie Hastings LGA context, and applied as the strategic benchmark in this plan.

For the purposes of this Plan, that context is expressed through the LGA's four main areas, being Port Macquarie, Lake Cathie / Bonny Hills, Camden Haven, and Wauchope, Surrounds and Hinterland, recognising that residents typically access sports field facilities, training and competition opportunities within their local area. In the context of sports field planning, this supports the provision of district-level sports field facilities across each of the four main areas, rather than relying on a single Regional-level facility to service the whole LGA. This approach supports a more equitable distribution of sports field opportunities, strengthens area-based hubs, and recognises that Regional facilities located only in Port Macquarie would not meet the day-to-day needs of all communities across the Port Macquarie Hastings LGA.

## Population, growth and participation context

### DEMOGRAPHIC CONTEXT

Population growth is an important driver of future sports field demand across the Port Macquarie Hastings LGA, but demand is also shaped by where growth occurs and the age profile of each area.

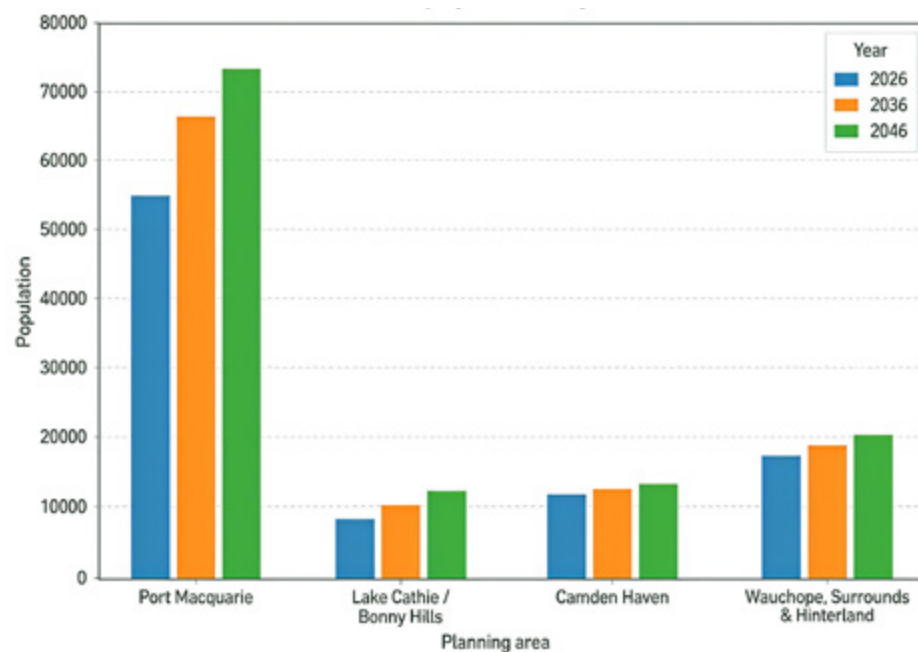
Across the LGA, population growth is forecast to continue, with a substantial proportion concentrated in the Lake Innes, Thrumster, Fernbank Creek, and Sancrox area. Based on current forecasts, this area is expected to grow by 10,303 people between 2026 and 2046, representing 38.0% of total LGA growth over this period. Its share of growth is forecast to increase from 32.5% between 2026 and 2036 to 45.6% between 2036 and 2046, highlighting the need for sports field planning to respond to growth in this area.

Future sports field planning also needs to consider changes in age profile. Areas with higher proportions of children and young people are more likely to generate demand for junior sport, training capacity and youth retention pathways. Growth in older age groups also reinforces the need for accessible venues, supporting infrastructure, shade, seating, pathways and amenities, as well as the role of sport precincts as community meeting places.



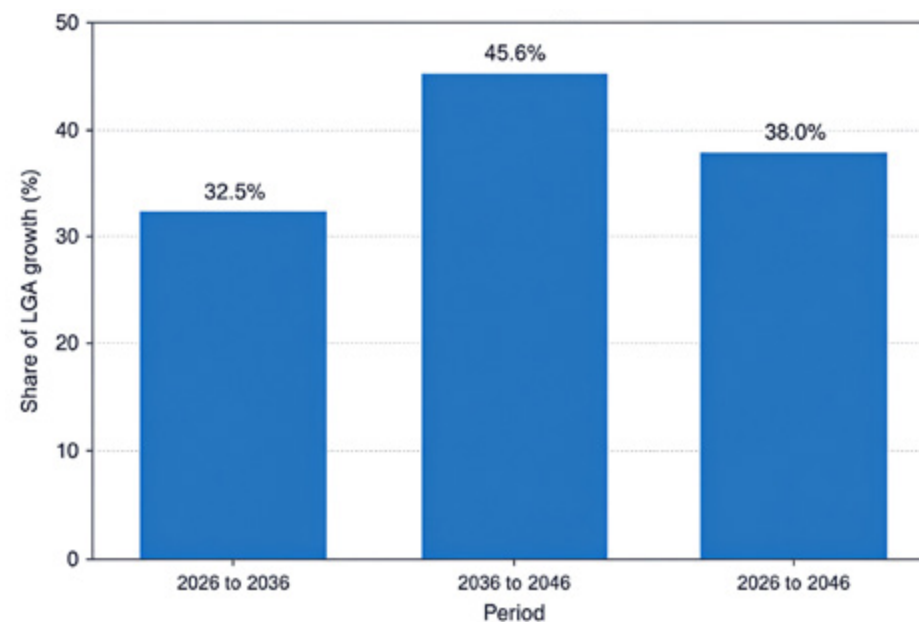
The graph below summarises forecast population across the LGA's four main areas for 2026, 2036 and 2046. These forecast figures provide important context for assessing the future distribution, adequacy and planning of sports field facilities across Port Macquarie Hastings.

Forecast population by area



The graph below summarises the forecast share of LGA population growth occurring in the Lake Innes, Thrumster, Fernbank Creek and Sancrox area. The figure highlights the need for sports field planning to consider future provision in and around this area.

Lake Innes, Thrumster, Fernbank Creek and Sancrox share of LGA growth



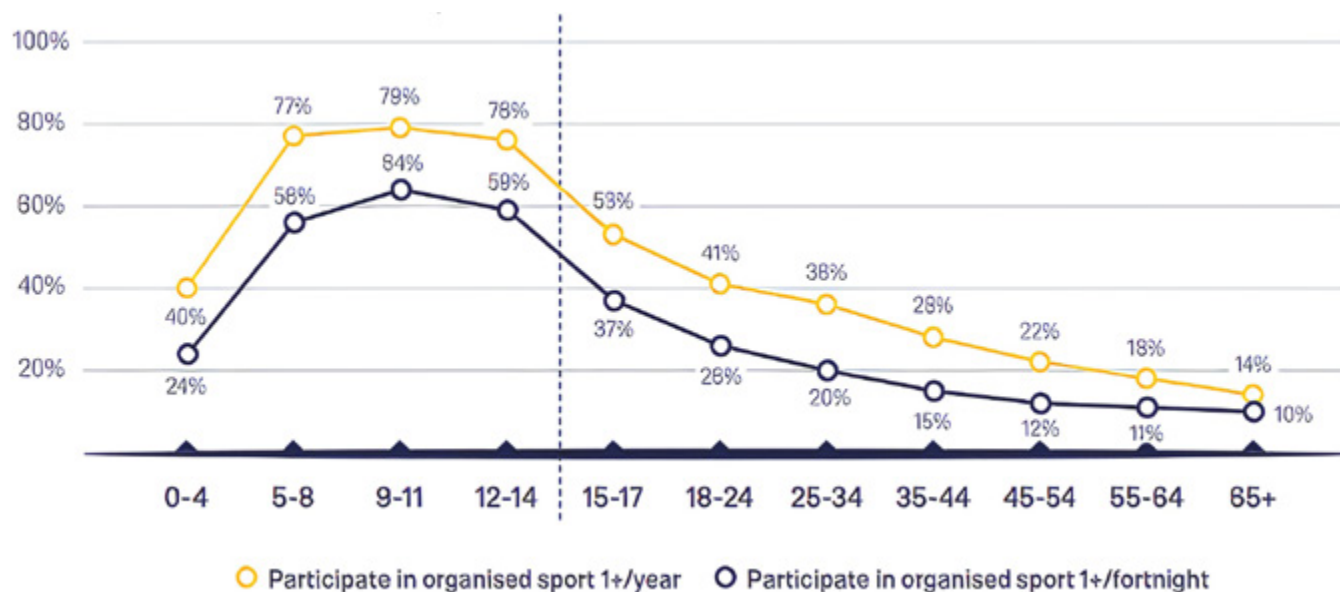
## AGE PROFILE AND SPORT PARTICIPATION CONTEXT

Age profile is an important consideration in sports field planning because organised sport participation varies across life stages. While population growth indicates the broad scale of future demand, age profile helps identify where demand for junior sport, youth retention, senior participation and accessible supporting infrastructure is likely to be most relevant.

Broader participation evidence from *AusPlay* indicates that organised sport participation is strongest in childhood and early adolescence, with participation peaking in the 9–11 age group and sports club participation peaking slightly later at 12–14 years. *AusPlay* also identifies ages 15 to 17 as a critical retention point, with a marked decline in organised sport participation through the mid-teen years. These trends are relevant to local sports field planning because they reinforce the importance of supporting junior participation, retaining young people in sport, and providing flexible, accessible and multi-use facilities that can respond to changing patterns of use across different ages and stages of life.

### Organised sport participation by age

Showing strongest participation in childhood and early adolescence and a marked decline from 15–17 years. Source: *Australian Sports Commission, AusPlay – Lifelong involvement in sport, November 2025*.

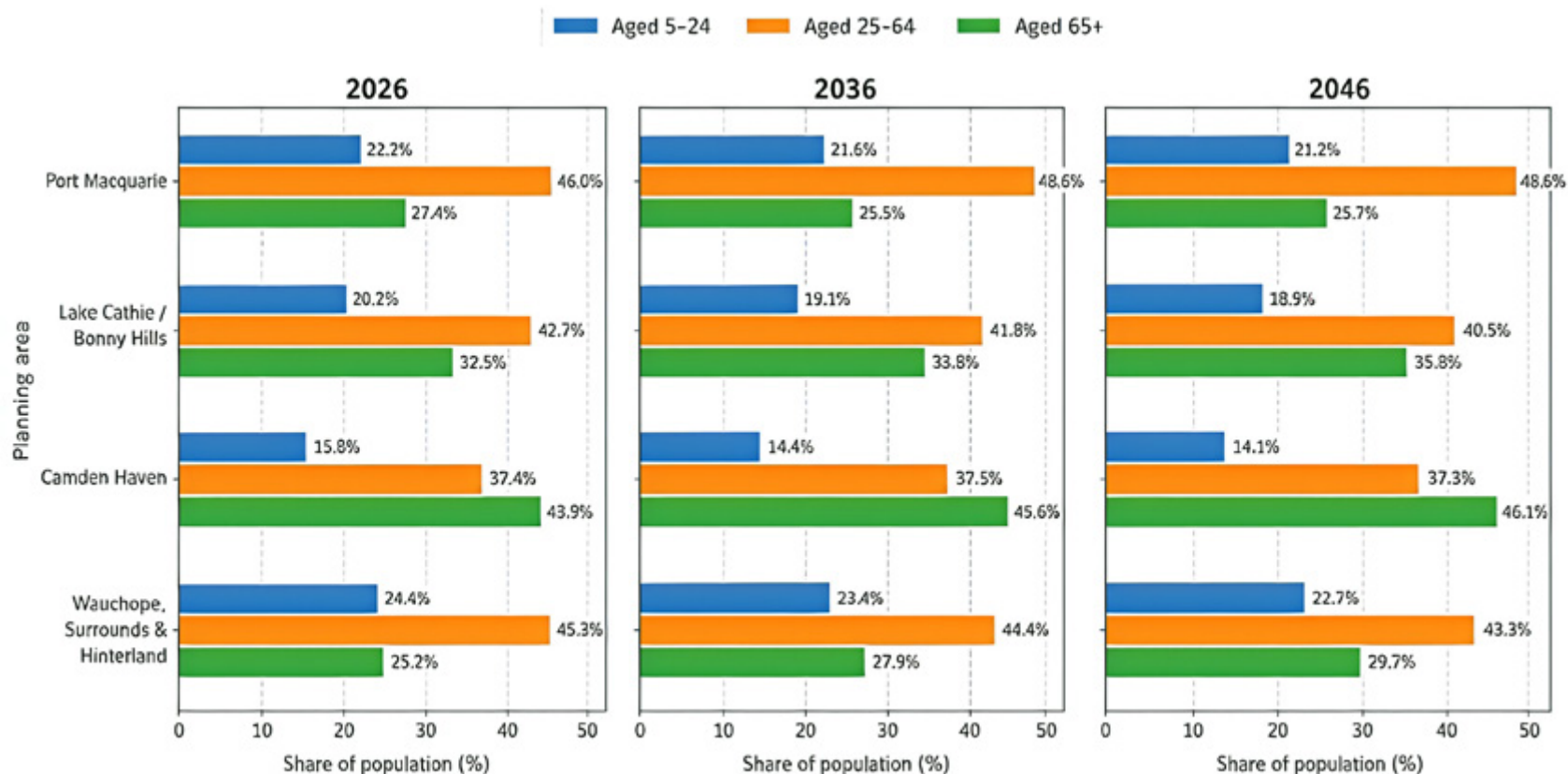




## POPULATION AGE PROFILE BY PLANNING AREA

The below graph summarises the forecast age profile of each planning area for 2026, 2036 and 2046. It provides supporting context for interpreting local sport participation demand across different life stages and should be read alongside the *AusPlay* participation trends.

Age profile summary by planning area: 2026, 2036 and 2046





## LOCAL AGE PROFILE AND SPORT PARTICIPATION IMPLICATIONS

### Port Macquarie

- Port Macquarie has a relatively balanced age profile.
- The area has a substantial school age and youth population, supporting ongoing demand for junior sport, training capacity and competition use.
- Port Macquarie will remain important for providing quality facilities that support retention through adolescence and transition into senior sport.
- The area is likely to continue functioning as a major sports field hub due to its population size, broad age mix and established club-based participation.

### Lake Cathie / Bonny Hills

- Lake Cathie / Bonny Hills has a moderate child and youth population with school age population forecast to remain relatively stable.
- This indicates an ongoing need to support junior sport, training capacity and competition use.
- The area is also ageing, with residents aged 65 years and over forecast to increase.
- Future sports field planning should balance junior and youth sport demand with flexible, accessible and multi-use facilities that can support participation across life stages.

### Camden Haven

- Camden Haven has the lowest proportion of residents aged 5–24 among the four planning areas.
- The area has a much older age profile, with residents aged 65 years and over forecast to increase.
- This suggests that demand for traditional junior sport may be lower than in other areas.
- Sports field planning in Camden Haven should continue to support existing club activity, while recognising the importance of accessible, flexible and multi-use facilities that can support broader community participation.

### Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland

- Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland has the highest proportion of residents aged 5–24 among the four planning areas.
- This indicates strong potential demand for junior and youth sport.
- The school age population is forecast to remain comparatively high.
- The area is also forecast to experience growth in the 65+ cohort.
- Sports field planning in this area should continue to support junior sport, training capacity, competition use and youth retention, while also considering accessibility and broader community use.

## Analysis of existing PMHC Sports Field Facilities

### OVERVIEW OF THE EXISTING SPORTS FIELD NETWORK

Port Macquarie Hastings Council manages 22 sports field facilities across the Local Government Area. The Council-owned/managed network includes 10 Local facilities, 11 District facilities and 1 Regional facility.

Across the Council-owned/managed network, sports field facilities provide 62.5 full-size equivalent rectangular fields across 138.81 hectares.

In addition to Council-owned/managed facilities, several supplementary facilities also support the broader sports field network. These include community-managed, club-managed, showground and school-based facilities that provide local opportunities for training, competition, school sport, junior participation and community use. Supplementary facilities provide an additional 5.5 full-size equivalent fields across 26.64 hectares.

In total, the broader existing sports field network includes 68 full-size equivalent fields across 165.45 hectares.

While supplementary facilities contribute to broader network capacity and resilience, they do not form part of Council's core managed provision baseline. Their role, availability and capacity may be influenced by land tenure, local management arrangements, school operations, seasonal activity, access agreements and operational constraints.

School-based facilities also play a supporting role in the sports field network by accommodating school teams, school sport programs and, in some cases, competition participation. There may be opportunities for clubs and schools to collaborate further to improve access to school-based fields for out-of-season training and, where appropriate, junior training and participation.

A detailed existing sports field facility inventory is provided in *Appendix A*.

### HOW BENCHMARKS WILL BE USED IN THE NEXT SECTIONS

The benchmarks in this section will be used to:

- Test the adequacy of sports field facilities by area
- Identify gaps in the network
- Identify where fields are under the most pressure (carrying capacity)
- Support a prioritised program of upgrades, renewals and future planning actions

## Indicative sports field hectare demand

The table below translates forecast population growth into indicative sports field hectare demand using both the *Port Macquarie Hastings DCP* baseline of **1.5ha per 1,000 people** and the **Ross Planning** strategic target of **1.9ha per 1,000 people**.

For consistency with the earlier benchmark analysis, the existing supply figures include Council-owned/managed sports field land and identified supplementary facilities that support the broader network. Proposed facilities are not included in the existing supply figure and are considered separately in the future provision and distribution analysis.

The provision status assessment below is intended to show the indicative land provision position over time. It should be read together with the classification of Local, District and Regional sports field facilities, the role of supplementary facilities, and the condition, capacity and function of the existing network.

### Indicative sports field provision status against the DCP baseline and strategic target, 2026 to 2046

| Area                               | Existing supply used for benchmark testing | 2026            | 2031            | 2036            | 2041            | 2046            |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Whole of LGA                       | 165.45ha                                   | Within Baseline | Within Baseline | Within Baseline | Deficit 7.00ha  | Deficit 14.98ha |
| Port Macquarie                     | 80.45ha                                    | Deficit 2.74ha  | Deficit 10.77ha | Deficit 19.80ha | Deficit 25.44ha | Deficit 30.55ha |
| Lake Cathie / Bonny Hills          | 10.95ha                                    | Deficit 1.51ha  | Deficit 2.98ha  | Deficit 4.59ha  | Deficit 6.17ha  | Deficit 7.82ha  |
| Camden Haven                       | 21.07ha                                    | Within Baseline | Within Baseline | Within Baseline | Within Baseline | Within Baseline |
| Wauchope, Surrounds and Hinterland | 52.98ha                                    | Surplus 19.85ha | Surplus 18.64ha | Surplus 16.94ha | Surplus 15.41ha | Surplus 14.47ha |

### Provision Status Legend

■ **Below baseline**  
Below the DCP baseline of 1.5ha/1,000 people

■ **Within baseline**  
Meets the DCP baseline of 1.5ha/1,000 people, but is below the strategic target of 1.9ha/1,000 people

■ **Above strategic target**  
Meets or exceeds the strategic target of 1.9ha/1,000 people

- At a whole-of-LGA level, the current sports field network remains above the DCP baseline in the short term but falls below this baseline by 2041 if no additional land is delivered. Against the strategic target, the LGA is already below the long-term benchmark and the indicative shortfall increases over time.
- At an area level, Port Macquarie and Lake Cathie / Bonny Hills remain below the DCP baseline across all tested years. Camden Haven remains above the DCP baseline when supplementary facilities are included, but remains reliant on non-Council provision. Wauchope, Surrounds and Hinterland remains above both benchmarks based on existing supply.
- These results reinforce that future sports field planning needs to respond not only to whole-of-LGA demand, but also to the different provision pressures, growth patterns, facility condition and effective capacity constraints across the four main planning areas.

## Adequacy of current provision

The sports field network provides a broad base of opportunities across the Port Macquarie Hastings LGA, with Council-owned/managed Local, District and Regional facilities supported by supplementary school, showground and community-managed venues. However, adequacy is not determined by land area alone. It is also influenced by field condition, turf performance, drainage, irrigation, lighting, demographics, player demand and the role each venue plays in the wider network.

For benchmark testing, the *Port Macquarie Hastings DCP* active open space rate of **1.5 hectares per 1,000 people** is treated as a baseline provision rate. The strategic benchmark of **1.9 hectares per 1,000 people** is used as a higher long-term planning target.

Council-owned/managed provision is treated as the core provision baseline. Supplementary facilities are included in the broader network supply because they support local access, training, competition, school sport and overflow capacity where available. However, because these facilities are not owned or managed by Council, they should not be treated as a guaranteed substitute for Council-managed provision.

The table below summarises existing sports field land supply by planning area and compares it with the 2026 population to provide an indicative existing hectares per 1,000 people measure.



### Existing sports field land area and 2026 provision rate by planning area

| Area                                | 2026 population | Council-owned/<br>managed existing<br>(ha) | Supplementary<br>existing (ha) | Total existing (ha) | Existing ha per<br>1,000 people |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Port Macquarie                      | 55,458          | 76.25                                      | 4.2                            | 80.45               | 1.45                            |
| Lake Cathie / Bonny Hills           | 8,306           | 10.95                                      | 0                              | 10.95               | 1.32                            |
| Camden Haven                        | 11,938          | 9.24                                       | 11.83                          | 21.07               | 1.76                            |
| Wauchope, Surrounds &<br>Hinterland | 17,438          | 42.37                                      | 10.61                          | 52.98               | 3.04                            |
| <b>Whole of LGA</b>                 | <b>93,140</b>   | <b>138.81</b>                              | <b>26.64</b>                   | <b>165.45</b>       | <b>1.78</b>                     |

At a whole-of-LGA level, existing provision including supplementary facilities is **1.78 hectares per 1,000 people**. This is above the DCP baseline but below the strategic target. Provision is uneven across the LGA, with Port Macquarie and Lake Cathie / Bonny Hills below the DCP baseline, Camden Haven within the baseline range when supplementary facilities are included, and Wauchope, Surrounds and Hinterland above the strategic target.

Field upgrades can materially improve effective capacity. Where site conditions, water availability, maintenance capacity and intended use support it, upgrading to a couch cultivar with a dense canopy and rapid growth can substantially increase indicative weekly carrying capacity compared with kikuyu, winter-oversown warm-season turf or slower-growing couch cultivars. Drainage, irrigation, lighting, field levels and turf renewal are therefore central to improving the reliability and carrying capacity of the existing network.

### HOW COUNCIL COUNTS PLAYING AREAS

Many sports field facilities are shared across sports and seasons. To reflect this, Council considers both the underlying playing area and how the site is set up and used across the year. Seasonal layouts help show how venues function in practice, but they do not represent additional simultaneous playing capacity where sports share the same field footprint.

Different field types are also counted differently for

planning purposes. Rectangular fields are assessed using a full-size field equivalent approach, based on a standard field footprint of 8,000 square metres. Ovals, athletics running tracks, and diamond-based facilities are also converted to full-size rectangular field equivalents for demand and carrying capacity modelling using comparative surface area analysis, while noting any constraints that affect the level of sport they can safely support.

## Carrying capacity and sport-specific field adequacy assessment

To test how intensively sports fields are being used, Council assessed player demand relative to the number of full-size equivalent rectangular fields available. The assessment has been tested against a range of indicative weekly carrying capacity scenarios, including senior-dominant, mixed-use 65 per cent juniors / 35 per cent seniors, and junior-dominant patterns of use.

The assessment has been undertaken in two layers. The first layer assesses total player demand at each venue, with all sporting codes using that venue combined. This identifies whether the venue as a whole is operating below, within or above indicative carrying capacity. The second layer assesses each sporting code separately at each venue to understand whether that sport has sufficient access to suitable field space.

This approach recognises that carrying capacity varies depending on the age profile of users, field condition, turf performance, infrastructure provision, seasonal demand and the intensity of use. The results should therefore be read as a strategic planning tool rather than a fixed pass/fail measure.

Separate winter and summer assessments have been prepared because demand patterns, sports use and field pressure vary significantly between seasons. The detailed **Red** / **Amber** / **Green** assessment tables are provided in *Appendix B*.

### VENUE-LEVEL WINTER FINDINGS

- Winter demand pressure is concentrated in a small number of Port Macquarie venues, particularly Stuart Park Sporting Precinct - Stuart Park Fields and Findlay Park.
- Stuart Park Sporting Precinct - Stuart Park Fields are above indicative carrying capacity across all tested scenarios.
- Findlay Park is above indicative capacity under the senior-dominant and mixed-use 65/35 scenarios. While it remains within capacity under the junior-dominant scenario, it is still carrying a comparatively high player load at 256 players per field, indicating limited flexibility if demand increases further.
- Fairmont Gardens Sporting Fields, Wood Street Fields and Oxley Oval are operating closer to the upper end of the senior-dominant range and will be monitored as demand changes.
- Tuffins Lane Playing Fields is below indicative winter carrying capacity on a players-per-field basis, but its lack of field lighting limits practical evening winter use.
- Most other assessed natural turf venues are below indicative winter carrying capacity, indicating that winter pressure is not uniform across the network.

### VENUE-LEVEL SUMMER FINDINGS

- Summer demand is more concentrated than winter demand, with Tuffins Lane Playing Fields the clearest natural turf venue under pressure.
- Most other assessed natural turf venues are below indicative summer carrying capacity, indicating that summer demand is concentrated at fewer venues rather than spread evenly across the network.
- Several venues record no summer use or very low summer player loads, reinforcing the seasonal nature of demand across parts of the network.

### SPORT-SPECIFIC FIELD ADEQUACY FINDINGS

- The sport-specific assessment indicates that most individual sporting codes are operating below indicative carrying capacity at the venues they use. This indicates that, for most sports, field pressure is not caused by a broad shortage of sport-specific field space across the network.
- In winter, the clearest sport-specific pressure is football at Findlay Park.
- Football at Fairmont Gardens Sporting Fields, rugby union at Oxley Oval, and rugby union at Stuart Park Sporting Precinct are operating within range. These sports will be monitored as demand changes, particularly where field condition, drainage, lighting or seasonal allocation may affect practical capacity.
- In summer, most sports are below indicative carrying capacity. The clearest sport-specific pressure is touch football at Tuffins Lane Playing Fields.

- Cricket is below indicative carrying capacity at all venues where home club player data has been supplied. However, cricket is also played at venues that do not have an allocated home club. As a result, some venues may record 0 players in the player-load assessment even though they still support cricket use. These results should therefore be interpreted cautiously.
- Synthetic hockey fields have not been assessed using the natural turf player-based carrying capacity thresholds. Hockey field capacity should continue to be assessed through programmed hours of use, field availability, lighting, maintenance requirements and lifecycle renewal planning.
- Other assessed sports, including AFL, athletics, baseball, oztag, rugby league and softball, are generally below indicative carrying capacity in the sport-specific assessment. However, this does not remove the need to consider field condition, field dimensions, safety run-offs, lighting, drainage, irrigation and sport-specific infrastructure requirements.
- Overall, the sport-specific assessment reinforces that carrying capacity pressure is concentrated rather than widespread. It also shows that venue-level capacity and sport-specific capacity can produce different findings, particularly where fields are shared.
- Future planning should consider both the venue-level assessment and sport-specific assessment when prioritising field upgrades, seasonal allocations, lighting, drainage, turf renewal and field configuration changes.



## OVERALL IMPLICATIONS FOR THE NETWORK

- The players-per-field assessment indicates that demand pressure is unevenly distributed across the network rather than reflecting a uniform shortage of sports fields across the LGA.
- Pressure is concentrated in a small number of Port Macquarie venues, while many other natural turf venues remain below indicative carrying capacity.
- A small number of venues such as Fairmont Gardens Sporting Fields, Wood Street Fields and Oxley Oval are not yet above capacity but are operating near the upper end and will be monitored as demand changes.
- Practical capacity is influenced by infrastructure as well as field area, with the lack of field lighting at Tuffins Lane Playing Fields constraining winter evening use.
- Overall, the findings support a network-based response that prioritises higher-pressure venues for renewal and infrastructure improvements, while also making better use of venues with available capacity.





## Condition and infrastructure snapshot (assessed playing areas)

Council's Sporting Facility Condition Assessment & Infrastructure Review provides a consistent snapshot of the condition and functionality of assessed sports field playing areas.

The detailed venue condition, infrastructure and identified project / planning responses are provided in *Appendix C*. The summary below identifies the key network-wide findings from the assessment.

**Assessed playing areas included in this snapshot: 72**

**Whole-of-network snapshot:**

| Area                       | Good | Fair                     | Poor |
|----------------------------|------|--------------------------|------|
| Field levels               | 32   | 15                       | 25   |
| Turf quality and condition | 9    | 37                       | 26   |
| Area                       | Yes  | Yes - but not functional | No   |
| Drainage                   | 22   | 5                        | 45   |
| Irrigation                 | 30   | 4                        | 38   |
| Area                       | Yes  | Not recorded             | No   |
| Lighting present           | 58   | 1                        | 13   |

### CONDITION AND INFRASTRUCTURE KEY FINDINGS

The condition assessment confirms that the main network issue is field quality, resilience and carrying capacity, rather than field numbers alone.

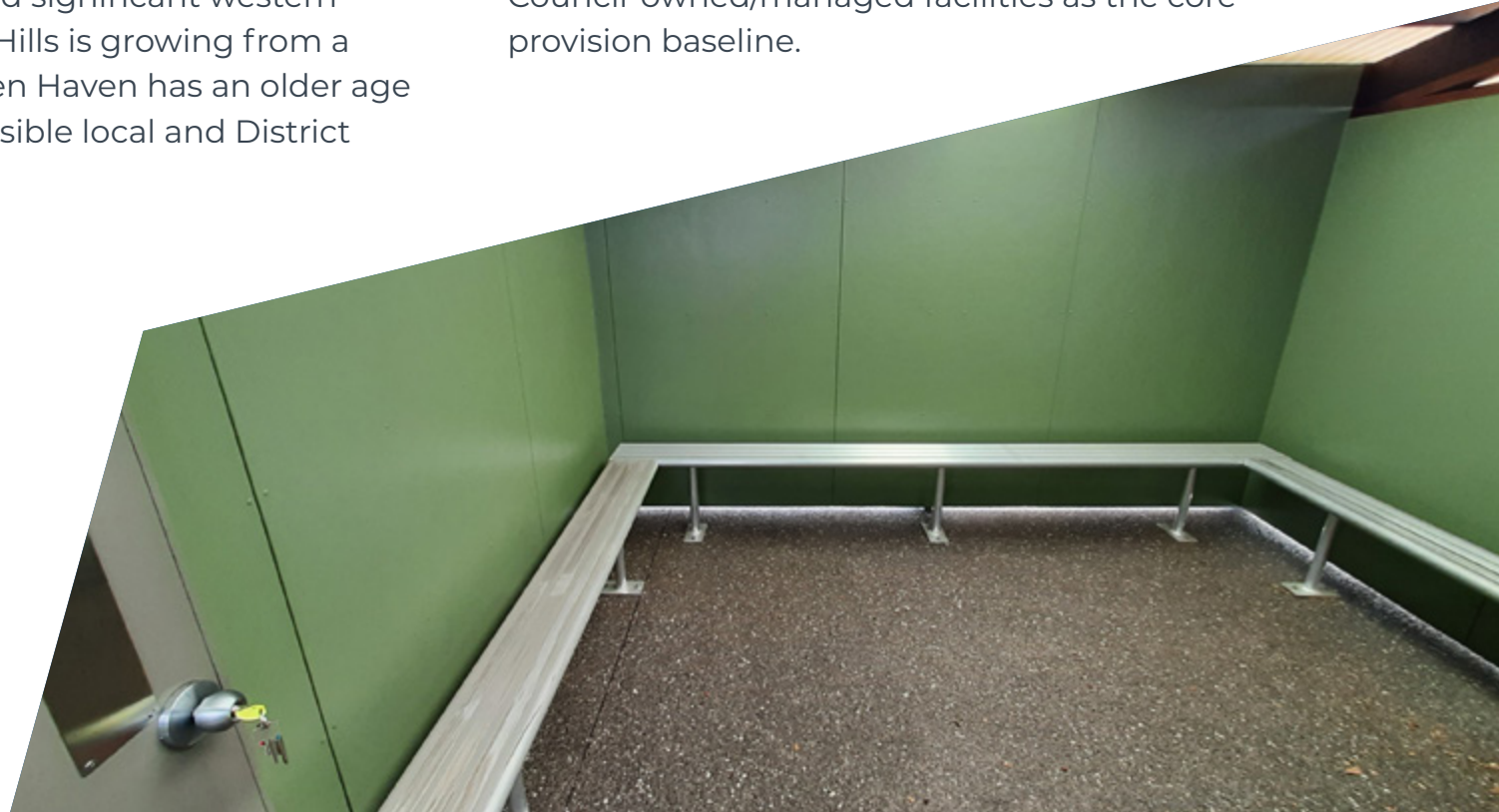
- **Field levels are mixed**, with 25 playing areas rated poor. Targeted levelling, regrading and surface rectification will be required at poor-performing venues to improve playability, safety and drainage performance.

- **Turf quality is a network-wide issue**, with only 9 playing areas rated good. Turf renewal, improved turf type selection and maintenance practices that improve turf quality should be prioritised where poor turf condition is limiting use or increasing maintenance pressure. Where appropriate, future turf renewal should consider couch cultivars with a dense canopy and rapid growth, such as TifTuf, as these can improve wear tolerance, turf recovery and carrying capacity.
- **Drainage is the most significant infrastructure gap**, with 45 playing areas having no drainage and 5 having drainage that does not function effectively. This reduces wet-weather resilience, contributes to closures and limits carrying capacity.
- **Irrigation provision is inconsistent**, with 38 playing areas having no irrigation and 4 having irrigation that does not function effectively. Future irrigation investment should generally be prioritised at District and Regional level venues, or at Local level venues where increased carrying capacity is required.
- **Lighting is present across most of the assessed network**. Future lighting upgrades should continue to be guided by venue classification, intended use, relevant sport-specific *Facility Guidelines*, and training, competition and event standards.
- **Future investment should focus on improving existing assets**, particularly through drainage, turf renewal, irrigation, field levelling and lighting upgrades where these works will improve safety, reliability, field recovery and carrying capacity.

## Future planning considerations

The condition assessment confirms that the main network issue is field quality, resilience and carrying capacity, rather than field numbers alone.

- Using the DCP rate of 1.5 hectares per 1,000 people as a baseline indicator and the strategic planning rate of 1.9 hectares per 1,000 people as the strategic target for long-term sports field planning.
- Plan by area as well as for the whole LGA, because population growth, age profile, and facility access vary between Port Macquarie, Lake Cathie / Bonny Hills, Camden Haven and Wauchope, Surrounds and Hinterland.
- Respond to demographic differences. Port Macquarie has the largest population and significant western growth. Lake Cathie / Bonny Hills is growing from a smaller network base. Camden Haven has an older age profile but still requires accessible local and District provision. Wauchope, Surrounds and Hinterland has the highest proportion of residents aged 5–24 and a dispersed settlement pattern.
- Prioritise effective capacity improvements at high-use venues, including turf renewal to couch cultivars with a dense canopy and rapid growth, drainage, irrigation, lighting, field levelling, maintenance and recovery periods.
- Focus new and upgraded provision at District-level and Regional-level facilities where shared infrastructure can support higher use.
- Recognise supplementary facilities as important contributors to access and resilience, while maintaining Council-owned/managed facilities as the core provision baseline.





## FUTURE PROVISION AND DISTRIBUTION BY AREA

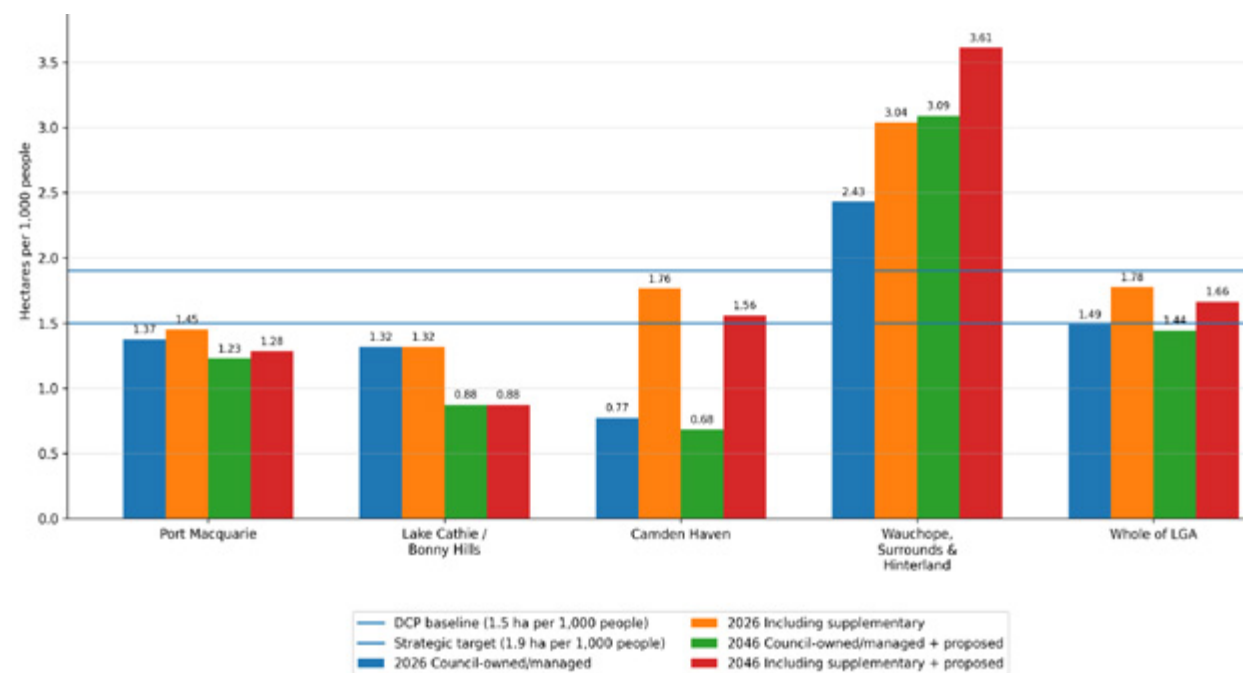
Future provision needs to respond to both benchmark shortfalls and effective capacity constraints. Proposed projects will improve the network, particularly in western Port Macquarie and Wauchope, but they do not remove the need for continued renewal, targeted upgrades and longer-term land planning.

### Planned and proposed sports field facilities with classification and land area

| Facility                                   | Area                             | Proposed classification | Hectare |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Thrumster Sporting Fields – Stage 1        | Port Macquarie                   | District                | 3.82    |
| Wayne Richards Park – Stage 3 and 4        | Port Macquarie                   | District                | 6.08    |
| Thrumster Sporting Fields – Stage 2        | Port Macquarie                   | District                | 4.67    |
| Hastings Regional Sports Complex – Stage 1 | Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Regional                | 8.24    |
| Hastings Regional Sports Complex – Stage 2 | Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Regional                | 2.27    |
| Hastings Regional Sports Complex – Stage 3 | Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Regional                | 9.68    |
| Hastings Regional Sports Complex – Stage 4 | Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Regional                | 0.06    |
| Subtotal:                                  |                                  |                         | 34.82   |

The graph to the right compares current and future sports field provision across the LGA using hectares per 1,000 people. It distinguishes between Council-owned/managed provision, including supplementary facilities, and future 2046 provision with proposed facilities

Sports field provision by area: current and future hectares per 1,000 people





## Summary of existing and proposed sports field land area

| Category                                                                | Hectare |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| Council-owned/managed sports field facilities                           | 138.81  |
| Supplementary facilities that support the broader network               | 26.64   |
| Proposed sports field facilities                                        | 34.82   |
| Total existing and proposed sports field land with known hectare values | 200.27  |

- At a whole-of-LGA level, current Council-owned/managed provision is below the DCP baseline. When supplementary facilities are included, current provision improves to 1.78 hectares per 1,000 people but remains below the strategic target.
- If currently identified proposed facilities are delivered, the broader network would increase to 200.27 hectares. By 2046 this equates to 1.66 hectares per 1,000 people when supplementary facilities are included, which remains below the strategic target.
- Port Macquarie remains below the DCP baseline in all tested scenarios, despite the proposed Thrumster and Wayne Richards Park projects. This indicates a need for both capacity upgrades and ongoing planning for future provision.
- Lake Cathie / Bonny Hills remains below the DCP baseline in all tested scenarios because no supplementary or proposed sports field land is currently identified for this area.
- Camden Haven's provision depends heavily on supplementary facilities. These facilities lift the area from below the DCP baseline to above it, but the Council-owned/managed core remains limited.
- Wauchope, Surrounds and Hinterland remains above the strategic target in all tested scenarios. The key issue in this area is therefore quality, resilience, classification role and access across a dispersed settlement pattern, rather than overall land supply.



## Determining which Sports Field Facilities to retain, renew, upgrade, reconfigure, consolidate, or propose

Council's classification framework, DCP baseline, strategic target, demographic analysis, facility condition information, players-per-field carrying capacity assessment and gap analysis have been used to guide which sports field facilities should be retained, renewed, upgraded, reconfigured, consolidated or proposed.

This approach supports a network-based response that considers the role of each facility within the broader sports field network, rather than assessing venues in isolation. It also recognises that future planning needs to respond differently across each area of the LGA, depending on population growth, existing provision, facility condition, effective carrying capacity and access to supplementary facilities.

### PORT MACQUARIE

- Port Macquarie has the greatest concentration of Local, District and Regional facilities.
- Population growth in western Port Macquarie, particularly around Lake Innes, Thrumster, Fernbank Creek and Sancrox, supports the need for staged new provision and targeted upgrades.
- Winter carrying capacity pressure is concentrated at selected established venues, particularly Stuart Park Sporting Precinct and Findlay Park.
- Summer carrying capacity pressure is more concentrated at Tuffins Lane Playing Fields.
- Established District and Regional precincts should be retained and strengthened, including Stuart Park Sporting Precinct, Tuffins Lane Playing Fields, Wayne Richards Park and Port Macquarie Regional Sports Stadium.
- Priority upgrades should focus on drainage, irrigation, lighting, turf performance, field renewal and field configuration where these works will increase effective capacity at high-use venues.
- Tuffins Lane Playing Fields should be prioritised for drainage improvements and investigation of lighting upgrades to improve field reliability, wet weather resilience, carrying capacity and practical evening training capacity during winter, while helping reduce pressure on other high-use venues.
- Staged delivery of Thrumster Sporting Fields and Wayne Richards Park should be progressed, while recognising that the Hastings Regional Sports Complex will also support broader western growth and Regional-level demand.
- Wayne Richards Park Stage 3 and 4 should continue to be planned as a significant District-level network improvement, including opportunities to strengthen athletics provision and multi-sport capacity.

### LAKE CATHIE / BONNY HILLS

- Lake Cathie / Bonny Hills has a small sports field network and no identified supplementary provision.
- Current and future provision remains below the strategic target.
- No proposed sports field land is currently identified in this area, increasing the importance of protecting and improving existing Council-owned/managed facilities.
- Rainbow Beach Sporting Complex should be retained and strengthened as the key District-level facility for the area.
- Lake Cathie Sporting Complex should be retained as an important Local facility supporting close-to-home sport access.
- Future planning should monitor growth-related demand across Lake Cathie / Bonny Hills.
- Priority upgrades at Lake Cathie Sporting Complex should focus on turf performance, drainage, field configuration, supporting infrastructure and overall capacity.
- Longer-term opportunities for land protection or additional District-level provision should be investigated if demand cannot be managed through existing facilities.

### CAMDEN HAVEN

- Council-owned/managed provision network is low, while supplementary provision lifts the broader network closer to the strategic target.
- Vince Inmon Sporting Complex should be retained and strengthened as the primary District-level sports field hub in Camden Haven. Priority upgrades should focus on increasing carrying capacity through improving turf performance, drainage and irrigation.
- Kendall Sportsground should be retained as a Local facility supporting community sport access.
- Camden Haven Showground should be recognised as an important supplementary facility that supports local access and network resilience.
- Kendall Sportsground currently records no winter user, indicating an opportunity to support winter training, junior use or overflow demand.
- Future planning should monitor growth-related demand and investigate future land protection or additional District-level provision opportunities if demand cannot be managed through existing facilities.

### WAUCHOPE, SURROUNDS AND HINTERLAND

- Wauchope, Surrounds and Hinterland has strong hectare-based provision.
- Supplementary community-managed and showground venues provide an important contribution to network resilience.

- The area has a comparatively high proportion of residents aged 5-24, supporting continued demand for junior and youth sport.
- The key planning issue is facility quality, resilience, classification performance and access across a dispersed settlement pattern, rather than overall land supply.
- Key District venues should be retained and strengthened, including Lank Bain Sporting Complex, Andrews Park and Blackbutt Park where they support multiple sports and clubs.
- Local facilities should be maintained where they provide important access for smaller communities.
- Beechwood Oval and Comboyne Showground should be recognised as supplementary facilities that support local access and network resilience.
- Lank Bain Sporting Complex should be prioritised for master planning, renewal and upgrade works, including field levelling, turf renewal, drainage, irrigation, field layout review and supporting infrastructure improvements.
- Planning for the staged Hastings Regional Sports Complex should continue as a future Regional-level facility, subject to funding, detailed design and approvals.
- The Hastings Regional Sports Complex should be planned alongside continued renewal of existing Local and District venues, rather than replacing the need for investment in those facilities.

## WHOLE-OF-LGA SUMMARY

- The sports field network provides a broad base of opportunities across the LGA, but provision and effective capacity are unevenly distributed.
- Council-owned/managed provision is close to, but still slightly below, the DCP baseline at a whole-of-LGA level. When supplementary facilities are included, current provision exceeds the DCP baseline but remains below the strategic target.
- Currently identified proposed facilities will improve the future network but will not meet the 1.9 hectare strategic target by 2046 when assessed against forecast population.
- Players-per-field analysis shows that demand pressure is concentrated at selected venues rather than reflecting a uniform shortage across all fields.
- Effective capacity can be improved through turf performance, drainage, irrigation, lighting, field configuration, maintenance and recovery periods.
- Future planning should adopt a staged network approach that combines renewal, upgrades, operational improvements, supplementary facility partnerships and targeted new provision where required.

## Appendix A: Existing Sports Field Facility Inventory

The following table summarises existing sports field provision across the Port Macquarie-Hastings LGA. It distinguishes between Council-owned/managed facilities and supplementary facilities, and includes land area, classification and indicative full-size equivalent field supply. The table includes subtotals for Council-owned/managed facilities and supplementary facilities, as well as the combined existing sports field provision across the broader network.

### Existing sports field facilities by area, ownership/management type, classification and land area

| Facility name                                      | Area                             | Management / provision type | Classification | Hectares | Rectangular fields (FSE) |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Kendall Sportsground                               | Camden Haven                     | Council-owned/managed       | Local          | 1.86     | 1.5                      |
| Vince Inmon Sporting Fields                        | Camden Haven                     | Council-owned/managed       | District       | 7.38     | 4.5                      |
| Lake Cathie Sporting Complex                       | Lake Cathie / Bonny Hills        | Council-owned/managed       | Local          | 3.24     | 1.5                      |
| Rainbow Beach Sporting Complex                     | Lake Cathie / Bonny Hills        | Council-owned/managed       | District       | 7.71     | 4                        |
| Dixie Park                                         | Port Macquarie                   | Council-owned/managed       | Local          | 2.10     | 1                        |
| Findlay Park                                       | Port Macquarie                   | Council-owned/managed       | Local          | 3.78     | 2.5                      |
| Port Macquarie Hockey Complex                      | Port Macquarie                   | Council-owned/managed       | District       | 3.02     | 2                        |
| Macquarie Park                                     | Port Macquarie                   | Council-owned/managed       | Local          | 4.93     | 1.5                      |
| Oxley Oval                                         | Port Macquarie                   | Council-owned/managed       | District       | 3.30     | 1.5                      |
| Port Macquarie Regional Sports Stadium             | Port Macquarie                   | Council-owned/managed       | Regional       | 5.19     | 2.5                      |
| Stuart Park Sporting Precinct - Stuart Park Fields | Port Macquarie                   | Council-owned/managed       | District       | 11.98    | 4                        |
| Tuffins Lane Playing Fields                        | Port Macquarie                   | Council-owned/managed       | District       | 19.45    | 12.5                     |
| Wayne Richards Park                                | Port Macquarie                   | Council-owned/managed       | District       | 15.13    | 5                        |
| Stuart Park Sporting Precinct - Wood Street Fields | Port Macquarie                   | Council-owned/managed       | District       | 7.37     | 4                        |
| Sancrox Reserve                                    | Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Council-owned/managed       | Local          | 2.85     | 1                        |
| Charlie Watt Reserve                               | Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Council-owned/managed       | Local          | 2.82     | 1.5                      |
| Andrews Park                                       | Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Council-owned/managed       | District       | 4.07     | 1.5                      |
| Blackbutt Park                                     | Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Council-owned/managed       | District       | 3.89     | 2.5                      |





| Facility name                                       | Area                             | Management / provision type | Classification | Hectares      | Rectangular fields (FSE) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Fairmont Gardens Sporting Fields                    | Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Council-owned/managed       | Local          | 3.59          | 2                        |
| Landrigan Park                                      | Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Council-owned/managed       | Local          | 2.27          | 1                        |
| Lank Bain Sporting Complex                          | Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Council-owned/managed       | District       | 18.20         | 4                        |
| Long Flat Showground                                | Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Council-owned/managed       | Local          | 4.68          | 1                        |
| <b>Subtotal - Council-owned/managed facilities:</b> |                                  |                             |                | <b>138.81</b> | <b>62.5</b>              |
| Camden Haven Showground                             | Camden Haven                     | Supplementary facility      | Local          | 11.83         | 1                        |
| Beechwood Oval                                      | Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Supplementary facility      | Local          | 6.52          | 1                        |
| Comboyne Showground                                 | Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Supplementary facility      | Local          | 4.09          | 1                        |
| St Columba Anglican School                          | Port Macquarie                   | Supplementary facility      | Local          | 4.2           | 2.5                      |
| <b>Subtotal - Supplementary facilities:</b>         |                                  |                             |                | <b>26.64</b>  | <b>5.5</b>               |
| <b>Total - Existing sports field facilities:</b>    |                                  |                             |                | <b>165.45</b> | <b>68</b>                |

**Note:** Council-owned/managed facilities form the core provision baseline for this Plan. Supplementary facilities are recognised as supporting local access, training, competition, school sport, participation opportunities and network resilience where available, but are not owned or managed by Council. The role, availability and capacity of supplementary facilities may vary depending on land tenure, local management arrangements, school operations, seasonal use, access agreements and operational constraints.

## Appendix B: Carrying Capacity and Sport-specific Field Adequacy Assessment

The following tables provide the **venue-level carrying capacity assessment** for winter and summer. These tables combine all sporting codes using the same venue to assess overall player demand against the total number of full-size equivalent fields available at that venue.

This assessment helps identify whether a venue as a whole is operating below, within or above indicative carrying capacity. It is useful for understanding overall venue pressure, particularly at multi-use facilities where different sports share the same field footprint across seasons. The results should be read as an indicative planning tool and considered alongside field condition, drainage, irrigation, lighting, turf performance, seasonal demand and operational knowledge.

### Venue-level indicative weekly carrying capacity assessment, all sports combined - WINTER

| Area                             | Venue                                   | Classification | Rect. fields (FSE) | Total players (winter) | Players per field | Senior | Mixed 65/35 | Junior |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Andrews Park                            | District       | 1.5                | 156                    | 104               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Beechwood Oval (supplementary)          | Local          | 1                  | 28                     | 28                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Blackbutt Park                          | District       | 2.5                | 125                    | 50                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Camden Haven                     | Camden Haven Showground (supplementary) | Local          | 1                  | 52                     | 52                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Charlie Watt Reserve                    | Local          | 1.5                | 43                     | 29                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Comboyne Showground (supplementary)     | Local          | 1                  | 24                     | 24                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie                   | Dixie Park                              | Local          | 1                  | 99                     | 99                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Fairmont Gardens Sporting Fields        | Local          | 2                  | 394                    | 197               | Within | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie                   | Findlay Park                            | Local          | 2.5                | 641                    | 256               | Above  | Above       | Within |
| Camden Haven                     | Kendall Sportsground                    | Local          | 1.5                | 0*                     | 0*                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Lake Cathie / Bonny Hills        | Lake Cathie Sporting Complex***         | Local          | 1.5                | 199                    | 133               | Below  | Below       | Below  |



| Area                             | Venue                                              | Classification | Rect. fields (FSE) | Total players (winter) | Players per field | Senior | Mixed 65/35 | Junior |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Landrigan Park                                     | Local          | 1                  | 0*                     | 0*                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Lank Bain Sporting Complex                         | District       | 4                  | 452                    | 113               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Long Flat Showground                               | Local          | 1                  | 48                     | 48                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie                   | Macquarie Park                                     | Local          | 1.5                | 0**                    | 0**               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie                   | Oxley Oval                                         | District       | 1.5                | 251                    | 167               | Within | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie                   | Port Macquarie Regional Sports Stadium             | Regional       | 2.5                | 260                    | 104               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie                   | Port Macquarie Hockey Complex (synthetic turf)     | District       | 2                  | 576                    | 288               | N/A    | N/A         | N/A    |
| Lake Cathie / Bonny Hills        | Rainbow Beach Sporting Complex***                  | District       | 4                  | 386                    | 97                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Sancrox Reserve                                    | Local          | 1                  | 0*                     | 0*                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie                   | St. Columba Anglican School (supplementary)        | Local          | 2.5                | 435                    | 174               | Within | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie                   | Stuart Park Sporting Precinct - Stuart Park Fields | District       | 4                  | 1254                   | 314               | Above  | Above       | Above  |
| Port Macquarie                   | Tuffins Lane Playing Fields                        | District       | 12.5               | 396                    | 32                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Camden Haven                     | Vince Inmon Sporting Complex                       | District       | 4.5                | 497                    | 110               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie                   | Wayne Richards Park***                             | District       | 5                  | 691                    | 138               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie                   | Stuart Park Sporting Precinct - Wood Street Fields | District       | 4                  | 725                    | 181               | Within | Below       | Below  |

**Note:** RAG ratings are indicative only. For standard natural turf venues, senior-dominant use is tested at 160 to 200 players per full-size equivalent rectangular field, mixed use 65/35 at 204 to 255, and junior-dominant use under 16 at 240 to 300.

\* No Winter User

\*\* No data supplied but known to be below capacity

\*\*\* Part or all of this facility has a higher-performing turf type



## Venue-level indicative weekly carrying capacity assessment, all sports combined - SUMMER

| Area                             | Venue                                          | Classification | Rect. fields (FSE) | Total players (summer) | Players per field | Senior | Mixed 65/35 | Junior |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Andrews Park                                   | District       | 1.5                | 185                    | 123               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Beechwood Oval (supplementary)                 | Local          | 1                  | 107                    | 107               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Blackbutt Park                                 | District       | 2.5                | 151                    | 60                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Camden Haven                     | Camden Haven Showground* (supplementary)       | Local          | 1                  | 0*                     | 0*                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Charlie Watt Reserve                           | Local          | 1.5                | 0*                     | 0*                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Comboyne Showground (supplementary)            | Local          | 1                  | 0**                    | 0**               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie                   | Dixie Park                                     | Local          | 1                  | 0**                    | 0**               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Fairmont Gardens                               | Local          | 2                  | 0*                     | 0*                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie                   | Findlay Park                                   | Local          | 2.5                | 74                     | 30                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Camden Haven                     | Kendall Sportsground                           | Local          | 1.5                | 159                    | 106               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Lake Cathie / Bonny Hills        | Lake Cathie Sporting Complex***                | Local          | 1.5                | 0*                     | 0*                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Landrigan Park                                 | Local          | 1                  | 0**                    | 0**               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Lank Bain Sporting Complex                     | District       | 4                  | 358                    | 90                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Long Flat Showground*                          | Local          | 1                  | 0*                     | 0*                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie                   | Macquarie Park                                 | Local          | 1.5                | 0*                     | 0*                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie                   | Oxley Oval                                     | District       | 1.5                | 79                     | 53                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie                   | Port Macquarie Regional Sports Stadium         | Regional       | 2.5                | 0*                     | 0*                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie                   | Port Macquarie Hockey Complex (synthetic turf) | District       | 2                  | 576                    | 288               | N/A    | N/A         | N/A    |





| Area                             | Venue                                              | Classification | Rect. fields (FSE) | Total players (summer) | Players per field | Senior | Mixed 65/35 | Junior |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| Lake Cathie / Bonny Hills        | Rainbow Beach Sporting Complex***                  | District       | 4                  | 127                    | 32                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Sancrox Reserve                                    | Local          | 1                  | 0**                    | 0**               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie                   | St. Columba Anglican School (supplementary)        | Local          | 2.5                | 0**                    | 0**               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie                   | Stuart Park Sporting Precinct - Stuart Park Fields | District       | 4                  | 318                    | 80                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie                   | Tuffins Lane Playing Fields                        | District       | 12.5               | 2669                   | 214               | Above  | Within      | Below  |
| Camden Haven                     | Vince Inmon Sporting Complex                       | District       | 4.5                | 443                    | 98                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie                   | Wayne Richards Park***                             | District       | 5                  | 83                     | 17                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie                   | Stuart Park Sporting Precinct - Wood Street Fields | District       | 4                  | 263                    | 66                | Below  | Below       | Below  |

**Note:** RAG ratings are indicative only. For standard natural turf venues, senior-dominant use is tested at 160 to 200 players per full-size equivalent rectangular field, mixed use 65/35 at 204 to 255, and junior-dominant use under 16 at 240 to 300.

\* No Summer User

\*\* No data supplied but known to be below capacity

\*\*\* Part or all of this facility has a higher-performing turf type



The following tables provide the **sport-specific field carrying capacity assessment** for winter and summer. These tables assess each sporting code separately at each venue to understand whether that sport has sufficient access to suitable field space.

This assessment helps identify sport-specific constraints that may not be visible in the venue-level assessment. A venue may appear to have adequate overall capacity, but an individual sport may still experience pressure due to the availability of fields for that sport.

#### Indicative weekly carrying capacity assessment per sport at each venue - WINTER

| Area                             | Venue                                   | Classification    | Rect. fields (FSE) | Total players (winter) | Players per field | Senior | Mixed 65/35 | Junior |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Andrews Park                            | Rugby Union       | 1.5                | 156                    | 104               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Beechwood Oval (supplementary)          | Rugby League      | 1                  | 28                     | 28                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Blackbutt Park                          | Baseball          | 2.5                | 125                    | 50                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Camden Haven                     | Camden Haven Showground (supplementary) | Rugby League      | 1                  | 52                     | 52                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Charlie Watt Reserve                    | Football (Soccer) | 1.5                | 43                     | 29                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Comboyne Showground (supplementary)     | Rugby League      | 1                  | 24                     | 24                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie                   | Dixie Park                              | Football (Soccer) | 1                  | 99                     | 99                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Fairmont Gardens                        | Football (Soccer) | 2                  | 394                    | 197               | Within | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie                   | Findlay Park                            | Football (Soccer) | 2.5                | 641                    | 256               | Above  | Above       | Within |
| Lake Cathie / Bonny Hills        | Lake Cathie Sporting Complex***         | Rugby League      | 1.5                | 199                    | 133               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Lank Bain Sporting Complex              | Rugby League      | 4                  | 452                    | 113               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Long Flat Showground                    | Rugby League      | 1                  | 48                     | 48                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie                   | Oxley Oval                              | Rugby Union       | 1.5                | 251                    | 167               | Within | Below       | Below  |



| Area                      | Venue                                              | Classification    | Rect. fields (FSE) | Total players (winter) | Players per field | Senior | Mixed 65/35 | Junior |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| Port Macquarie            | Port Macquarie Hockey Complex (synthetic turf)     | Hockey            | 2                  | 608                    | 304               | N/A    | N/A         | N/A    |
| Port Macquarie            | Port Macquarie Regional Stadium                    | Rugby League      | 2.5                | 260                    | 104               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Lake Cathie / Bonny Hills | Rainbow Beach Sporting Complex***                  | Football (Soccer) | 4                  | 386                    | 97                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie            | St Columba Anglican School (supplementary)         | Football (Soccer) | 2.5                | 435                    | 174               | Within | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie            | Stuart Park Sporting Precinct - Stuart Park Fields | Rugby League      | 4                  | 450                    | 113               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie            | Stuart Park Sporting Precinct - Stuart Park Fields | Rugby Union       | 2.5                | 467                    | 187               | Within | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie            | Stuart Park Sporting Precinct - Stuart Park Fields | Touch Football    | 2                  | 193                    | 97                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie            | Tuffins Lane Playing Fields                        | Football (Soccer) | 6                  | 594                    | 99                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie            | Tuffins Lane Playing Fields                        | Oztag             | 6                  | 850                    | 142               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Camden Haven              | Vince Inmon Sporting Complex                       | Football (Soccer) | 3                  | 343                    | 114               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Camden Haven              | Vince Inmon Sporting Complex                       | Rugby League      | 2.5                | 154                    | 62                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie            | Wayne Richards Park                                | AFL***            | 2                  | 377                    | 189               | Within | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie            | Wayne Richards Park                                | Football (Soccer) | 3                  | 425                    | 142               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie            | Stuart Park Sporting Precinct - Wood Street Fields | Oztag             | 3                  | 450                    | 150               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie            | Stuart Park Sporting Precinct - Wood Street Fields | Rugby League      | 4                  | 275                    | 69                | Below  | Below       | Below  |

**Note:** RAG ratings are indicative only. For standard natural turf venues, senior-dominant use is tested at 160 to 200 players per full-size equivalent rectangular field, mixed use 65/35 at 204 to 255, and junior-dominant use under 16 at 240 to 300.

\* No winter user

\*\* No data supplied but known to be below capacity

\*\*\* Part or all of this facility has higher-performing turf type



## Indicative weekly carrying capacity assessment per sport at each venue - SUMMER

| Area                             | Venue                                              | Classification | Rect. fields (FSE) | Total players (summer) | Players per field | Senior | Mixed 65/35 | Junior |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Andrews Park                                       | Cricket        | 1.5                | 185                    | 123               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Beechwood Oval (supplementary)                     | Cricket        | 1                  | 107                    | 107               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Blackbutt Park                                     | Athletics      | 2                  | 151                    | 76                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Comboyne Showground (supplementary)                | Cricket        | 1                  | 0**                    | 0**               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Fairmont Gardens                                   | Cricket        | 1                  | 0**                    | 0**               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie                   | Findlay Park                                       | Softball       | 1.5                | 74                     | 49                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Camden Haven                     | Kendall Sportsground                               | Cricket        | 1.5                | 39                     | 26                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Camden Haven                     | Kendall Sportsground                               | Touch Football | 1.5                | 120                    | 80                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Landrigan Park                                     | Cricket        | 1                  | 0**                    | 0**               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Lank Bain Sporting Complex                         | Cricket        | 2                  | 0**                    | 0**               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Lank Bain Sporting Complex                         | Touch Football | 4                  | 358                    | 90                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie                   | Oxley Oval                                         | Cricket        | 1.5                | 79                     | 53                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie                   | Port Macquarie Hockey Complex (synthetic turf)     | Hockey         | 2                  | 608                    | 304               | N/A    | N/A         | N/A    |
| Lake Cathie / Bonny Hills        | Rainbow Beach Sporting Complex***                  | Cricket        | 3                  | 127                    | 42                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Sancrox Reserve                                    | Cricket        | 1                  | 0**                    | 0**               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie                   | Stuart Park Sporting Precinct - Stuart Park Fields | Athletics      | 3                  | 269                    | 90                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie                   | Stuart Park Sporting Precinct - Stuart Park Fields | Cricket        | 1                  | 49                     | 49                | Below  | Below       | Below  |





| Area           | Venue                                              | Classification | Rect. fields (FSE) | Total players (summer) | Players per field | Senior | Mixed 65/35 | Junior |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| Port Macquarie | Tuffins Lane Playing Fields                        | Cricket        | 6                  | 150                    | 25                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie | Tuffins Lane Playing Fields                        | Touch Football | 6.5                | 1199                   | 184               | Within | Below       | Below  |
| Camden Haven   | Vince Inmon Sporting Complex                       | Athletics      | 2                  | 83                     | 42                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Camden Haven   | Vince Inmon Sporting Complex                       | Cricket        | 2.5                | 0**                    | 0**               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Camden Haven   | Vince Inmon Sporting Complex                       | Touch Football | 2.5                | 360                    | 144               | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie | Wayne Richards Park                                | Cricket        | 2.5                | 83                     | 33                | Below  | Below       | Below  |
| Port Macquarie | Stuart Park Sporting Precinct - Wood Street Fields | Cricket        | 2                  | 263                    | 132               | Below  | Below       | Below  |

**Note:** RAG ratings are indicative only. For standard natural turf venues, senior-dominant use is tested at 160 to 200 players per full-size equivalent rectangular field, mixed use 65/35 at 204 to 255, and junior-dominant use under 16 at 240 to 300.

\* No summer user

\*\* No data supplied

\*\*\* Part or all of this facility has higher-performing turf type

## Appendix C: Detailed Venue Condition, Infrastructure and Identified Projects / Planning Response

*Appendix C* provides the detailed venue condition, infrastructure and identified project / planning responses used to inform the findings in this Plan. It combines field-level condition, infrastructure provision, sport-specific comments and identified venue-level project or planning responses.

The identified project and planning responses are indicative only and have been categorised to clarify Council's current position and the likely pathway for each item. These categories help distinguish between adopted Council projects, projects for future consideration, supported club projects, and operational or maintenance improvements.

All identified project and planning responses will require further scoping, feasibility assessment, cost planning, consultation and prioritisation through Council's normal project planning, maintenance and budget processes. Inclusion in *Appendix C* does not guarantee Council funding or delivery.

### PROJECT CATEGORY LEGEND

#### 1. Adopted Council Projects

Projects already included in the *Recreation and Open Space Action Plan 2025–2030*.

#### 2. Future Consideration Projects

Projects that are not currently adopted but will be assessed during future updates of the *Recreation and Open Space Action Plan*.

#### 3. Supported Club Projects

Projects identified by clubs, associations or user groups that Council supports in principle.

These projects may be suitable for clubs or user groups to pursue through external funding, grants, or other non-Council funding sources. Council may provide letters of

support, planning advice or coordination assistance where appropriate, but this does not represent a Council funding or delivery commitment.

#### 4. Operational and Maintenance Improvements

Items that support the ongoing maintenance, management, safety, amenity or environmental performance of a sports field facility.

These items may be considered through Council's operational programs, maintenance planning, asset renewal programs or minor works processes. Inclusion in *Appendix C* does not guarantee immediate delivery.

**DIXIE PARK** [Area: Port Macquarie | Classification: Local Sports Fields]

| Field / playing area                          | Field level                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Turf quality | Drainage         | Irrigation | Field lighting level | Primary sport / use |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Main Field                                    | Good                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Good         | Yes - functional | Yes        | 100 lux              | Football            |
| <b>Sport-specific comments</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Football field at this facility meets the minimum requirements of the relevant <i>Facility Guide</i>, competition standards or <i>FIFA Guidelines</i> for a Local Club.</li><li>• Small-sided Football fields at this facility generally meet the minimum requirements of the relevant <i>Facility Guide</i> or competition standards for community club use. In some instances, minimum safety run-offs are dependent on the final field set-out within the available space.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |              |                  |            |                      |                     |
| <b>Identified project / planning response</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Adopted Council Projects</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Construct two additional mini fields north of Field 1.</li></ul></li><li><b>2. Future Consideration Projects</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Redesign car park layout in line with future intersection upgrades.</li><li>• Extend pathway from clubhouse to the dug outs and tiered seating inclusive of aluminium bench seats, and also along the southern field fence inclusive of aluminium bench seats.</li></ul></li><li><b>4. Operational and Maintenance Improvements</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide a line-marking paint clean-up area.</li><li>• Install bike racks.</li><li>• Add bottle filler to the tap at the clubhouse.</li></ul></li></ul> |              |                  |            |                      |                     |

**FINDLAY PARK** [Area: Port Macquarie | Classification: Local Sports Fields]

| Field / playing area                          | Field level                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Turf quality | Drainage         | Irrigation | Field lighting level | Primary sport / use |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Field 1                                       | Poor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Fair         | Yes - functional | Yes        | 100 lux              | Football            |
| Field 2                                       | Poor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Fair         | Yes - functional | Yes        | 100 lux              | Football, softball  |
| Field 3                                       | Poor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Fair         | Yes - functional | Yes        | 50 lux               | Football, softball  |
| <b>Sport-specific comments</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Football fields at this facility generally meet the minimum requirements of the relevant <i>Facility Guide</i>, competition standards or <i>FIFA Guidelines</i> for a Local Club. In some instances, minimum safety run-offs are constrained by the close arrangement of adjacent fields.</li><li>Softball diamonds at this facility generally meet the relevant requirements of <b>Softball Australia's Facility Management Guide</b> for Club Competition. However, Field 2 fence requires maintenance and Field 3 fencing is in poor condition and requiring upgrade or renewal.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |              |                  |            |                      |                     |
| <b>Identified project / planning response</b> | <p><b>1. Adopted Council Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Upgrade field lighting.</li><li>Upgrade dugouts, shelters and spectator seating, including roofing improvements.</li></ul> <p><b>2. Future Consideration Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Upgrade car parking.</li><li>Add footpath to Hastings Secondary College.</li><li>Add northern footpath.</li><li>Add southern footpath.</li><li>Construct lawn terraces.</li><li>Renew turf with TifTuf couch as part of future major field rectification or turf renewal works.</li></ul> <p><b>3. Supported Club Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Replace football goal posts at end of useful life.</li><li>Repair and upgrade softball backstop fencing to address ongoing damage.</li><li>Add tiered spectator seating.</li></ul> <p><b>4. Operational and Maintenance Improvements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provide a line-marking paint clean-up area.</li><li>Improve field levels through top dressing.</li><li>Install bike racks.</li><li>Install bottle filler or drinking fountain.</li></ul> |              |                  |            |                      |                     |



**MACQUARIE PARK** [Area: Port Macquarie | Classification: Local Sports Fields]

| Field / playing area                          | Field level                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Turf quality | Drainage | Irrigation | Field lighting level | Primary sport / use |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------|------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Field 1                                       | Good                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Fair         | No       | No         | 100 lux              | Football            |
| Field 2                                       | Good                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Fair         | No       | No         | 100 lux              | Football            |
| Training Area                                 | Fair                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Fair         | No       | No         | No                   | Football            |
| <b>Sport-specific comments</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Football fields at this facility generally meet the minimum requirements of the relevant <i>Facility Guide</i>, competition standards or <i>FIFA Guidelines</i> for a Local Club. The junior field does not fully meet the preferred dimensions, however minimum safety run-offs are achieved, including between adjacent fields. No upgrade planning is proposed for this facility as Football use will be relocated following the completed construction of Thrumster Sporting Fields.</li></ul> |              |          |            |                      |                     |
| <b>Identified project / planning response</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>No major works to take place as the fields are the future site of the Port Macquarie Aquatic Centre</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |              |          |            |                      |                     |

**OXLEY OVAL** [Area: Port Macquarie | Classification: District Sports Fields]

| Field / playing area                          | Field level                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Turf quality | Drainage | Irrigation | Field lighting level | Primary sport / use  |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------|------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Main Oval                                     | Poor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Good         | No       | No         | 50/100/300 lux       | Rugby Union, cricket |
| <b>Sport-specific comments</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Rugby Union field does not fully meet the preferred dimensions identified in the <i>Rugby AU National Facility Guidelines</i>, competition standards or <i>Laws of the Game</i>. The field is slightly short in overall length, the in-goal areas are constrained, and the safety run-off is below the minimum standard.</li><li>The Cricket field meets the <i>Preferred Facility Guidelines</i> up to Open Age - Community Club. The turf cricket pitch is capable of accommodating Open Age - Premier cricket, however the short boundary is less than the preferred 65 metres, which limits full compliance with the Premier standard. Cricket training nets suitable for Club (Satellite)</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |              |          |            |                      |                      |
| <b>Identified project / planning response</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Adopted Council Projects</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sports field reconstruction.</li></ul></li><li><b>Future Consideration Projects</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Upgrade picket field fence.</li><li>Investigate feasibility of an additional field on the southern Crown land parcel.</li></ul></li><li><b>Supported Club Projects</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Install additional spectator seating, including seating near the hill, clubhouse and improve existing tiered timber seating.</li><li>Install a small three-tier grandstand on the concrete area under the clubhouse awning.</li></ul></li><li><b>Operational and Maintenance Improvements</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provide a line-marking paint clean-up area.</li><li>Relocate stormwater pit that is within the cricket field of play.</li><li>Install bike racks.</li></ul></li></ol> |              |          |            |                      |                      |

**PORT MACQUARIE HOCKEY COMPLEX** [Area: Port Macquarie | Classification: District Sports Fields]

| Field / playing area                          | Field level                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Turf quality     | Drainage         | Irrigation | Field lighting level | Primary sport / use          |
|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Northern Field                                | Good                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Fair (Synthetic) | Yes - functional | No         | 250 lux              | Hockey, small-sided football |
| Southern Field                                | Good                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Fair (Synthetic) | Yes - functional | No         | 250 lux              | Hockey, small-sided football |
| <b>Sport-specific comments</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Hockey fields at this facility generally meet the minimum requirements of <i>Hockey Australia's Facility Resource Guides</i> for a District / Large Club venue, with field dimensions compliant for 11-a-side hockey. Lighting is suitable for training and community level use but may not meet the higher preferred standard for Class II training and club group use.</li><li>Small-sided Football fields at this facility generally meet the minimum requirements of the relevant <i>Facility Guide</i> or competition standards for community club use. In some instances, minimum safety run-offs are dependent on the final field set-out within the available space.</li></ul> |                  |                  |            |                      |                              |
| <b>Identified project / planning response</b> | <b>3. Supported Club Projects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Upgrade and resurface southern field.</li><li>Upgrade all field lighting to LED.</li><li>Install and upgrade field seating.</li><li>Repairs to fence line.</li><li>Resurface northern field.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                  |                  |            |                      |                              |

**PORT MACQUARIE REGIONAL SPORTS STADIUM** [Area: Port Macquarie | Classification: Regional Sports Fields]

| Field / playing area                          | Field level                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Turf quality | Drainage         | Irrigation | Field lighting level | Primary sport / use |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Field 1                                       | Good                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Good         | Yes - functional | Yes        | 100 lux              | Rugby League        |
| Field 2                                       | Poor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Fair         | No               | Yes        | 100 lux              | Rugby League        |
| Field 3                                       | Good                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Fair         | Yes - functional | Yes        | 50 lux               | Rugby League        |
| <b>Sport-specific comments</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rugby League fields at this facility meet the minimum requirements of the relevant <i>Preferred Facility Guidelines</i>, competition standards or <i>International Laws of the Game</i>.</li><li>• Touch Football fields at this facility meet the relevant <i>Preferred Facility Guidelines</i> for a Premier venue.</li><li>• Football use at this facility meets the minimum requirements of the relevant <i>Facility Guide</i>, competition standards or <i>FIFA Guidelines</i>.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |              |                  |            |                      |                     |
| <b>Identified project / planning response</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Adopted Council Projects</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop Master Plan.</li></ul></li><li><b>2. Future Consideration Projects</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Install field drainage on Field 2.</li><li>• Improve car parking (subject to master planning).</li><li>• Upgrade Field 1 lighting to support 500 lux special event use (subject to master planning).</li><li>• Upgrade Field 2 lighting to support 200 lux use (subject to master planning).</li><li>• Investigate additional fields (subject to master planning).</li><li>• Renew turf with TifTuf couch as part of future major field rectification or turf renewal works.</li></ul></li><li><b>3. Supported Club Projects</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Install ball-catching nets at each end of Fields 1 and 2.</li><li>• Repair scoreboard on Field 2.</li></ul></li><li><b>4. Operational and Maintenance Improvements</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide a line-marking paint clean-up area.</li><li>• Replace portable tiered grandstand seating.</li><li>• Upgrade Field 1 fencing at end of useful life.</li><li>• Upgrade perimeter chain-link fence at end of useful life.</li><li>• Replace 4 x aluminium spectator seats at Field 1.</li><li>• Install bike racks.</li></ul></li></ul> |              |                  |            |                      |                     |

**STUART PARK SPORTING PRECINCT - STUART PARK FIELDS** [Area: Port Macquarie | Classification: District Sports Fields]

| Field / playing area | Field level | Turf quality | Drainage | Irrigation | Field lighting level | Primary sport / use                                           |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------|----------|------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Field 1              | Good        | Fair         | No       | Yes        | 100 lux              | Rugby League, touch football, cricket, athletics              |
| Field 2              | Good        | Fair         | No       | Yes        | 100 lux              | Rugby League, athletics                                       |
| Field 3              | Good        | Fair         | No       | Yes        | 100 lux              | Rugby League, rugby union, touch football, cricket, athletics |
| Field 4              | Good        | Poor         | No       | Yes        | 50 lux               | Rugby Union, rugby league, athletics                          |
| Field 5              | Good        | Poor         | No       | Yes        | 100 lux              | Rugby Union, rugby league, athletics                          |

**Sport-specific comments**

- Most Rugby League fields at this facility meet the minimum requirements of the relevant *Preferred Facility Guidelines*, competition standards or *International Laws of the Game*. Field 2 does not meet the required dimensions for U8 and 9s or U10, 11 and 12s. Safety run-offs meet the relevant minimum standard.
- The senior Rugby Union field meets the minimum requirements of the *Rugby AU National Facility Guidelines*, competition standards and *Laws of the Game* in relation to field dimensions. However, its safety run-off is constrained and requires mitigation, with light poles within the run-off area requiring padding to reduce player risk. Field 4 does not meet the required dimensions for junior Rugby Union.
- Touch Football fields at this facility do not currently meet the *Preferred Facility Guidelines* for field dimensions, including length and in-goal areas. Minimum safety run-offs are also constrained by the close arrangement of adjacent fields and nearby goal posts.
- Cricket field meets the *Preferred Facility Guidelines* up to Junior Format Stage 2. Cricket training nets suitable for Club (Home)
- Athletics facilities at this venue generally align with several of the elements typically associated with a Local Club / Centre athletics facility. The venue includes a grass 400 metre running track, a grass 100-110 metre running straight, two 40 metre long jump / triple jump runways, one 6 metre discus cage, six shot put circles and one javelin area. However, based on the current provision listed, the facility does not include all elements typically associated with a Local Club / Centre athletics facility.



| Field / playing area                   | Field level                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Turf quality | Drainage | Irrigation | Field lighting level | Primary sport / use |
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| Identified project / planning response | <p><b>1. Adopted Council Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field 5 drainage and levelling.</li> <li>Upgrade cricket practice nets.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Future Consideration Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install field drainage on all fields.</li> <li>Upgrade cricket pitch to standards.</li> <li>Resurface Field 4.</li> <li>Renew turf with TifTuf couch as part of future major field rectification or turf renewal works.</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Supported Club Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrade Field 5 fencing at end of useful life.</li> <li>Replace goal posts at end of useful life.</li> <li>Maintenance to long jump pit.</li> <li>Maintenance to discus cage.</li> <li>Install a discus cage on Field 4.</li> <li>Upgrade existing synthetic runways servicing the long jump pits.</li> <li>Install runway to mini long jump pit.</li> <li>Install additional spectator seating around Field 5.</li> </ul> <p><b>4. Operational and Maintenance Improvements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide a line-marking paint clean-up area.</li> </ul> |              |          |            |                      |                     |



**STUART PARK SPORTING PRECINCT - WOOD STREET FIELDS** [Area: Port Macquarie | Classification: District Sports Fields]

| Field / playing area                          | Field level                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Turf quality | Drainage | Irrigation | Field lighting level | Primary sport / use          |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------|------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Field 1 (Wood St)                             | Good                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Poor         | No       | Yes        | 100 lux              | Rugby League, oztag, cricket |
| Field 2 (Wood St)                             | Good                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Fair         | No       | Yes        | 100 lux              | Rugby League, oztag, cricket |
| Field 3 (Wood St)                             | Good                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Poor         | No       | Yes        | 50 lux               | Cricket                      |
| Field 4 (Wood St)                             | Good                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Poor         | No       | Yes        | 100 lux              | Rugby League, cricket        |
| Field 5 (Wood St)                             | Good                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Poor         | No       | Yes        | 50 lux               | Rugby League, cricket        |
| <b>Sport-specific comments</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Most Rugby League fields at this facility meet the minimum requirements of the relevant <i>Preferred Facility Guidelines</i>, competition standards or <i>International Laws of the Game</i>. One field has an in-goal area that is constrained. In one instance, the safety run-off is constrained by synthetic cricket infrastructure.</li><li>• Oztag fields at this facility do not currently meet the relevant facility requirements for field dimensions, including length and in-goal areas. Safety clearances are also constrained, including goal posts located on the sidelines, and the use of common sidelines requires careful management to maintain safe playing conditions.</li><li>• The cricket fields at Wood Street Fields meet the <i>Preferred Facility Guidelines</i> at varying levels of provision, with Field 1 and 2 meeting the guidelines up to Open Age - Community Club, Field 3 meeting the guidelines up to Cricket Blast Game, and Field 5 meeting the guidelines up to Junior Format Stage 1</li></ul> |              |          |            |                      |                              |
| <b>Identified project / planning response</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Adopted Council Projects</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Field 4 drainage.</li></ul></li><li><b>2. Future Consideration Projects</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Install field drainage on all fields.</li><li>• Upgrade synthetic cricket pitch to standards.</li><li>• Renew turf with TifTuf couch as part of future major field rectification or turf renewal works.</li></ul></li><li><b>3. Supported Club Projects</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Replace goal posts at end of useful life.</li><li>• Install spectator seating on the western side of Field 2.</li></ul></li><li><b>4. Operational and Maintenance Improvements</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide a line-marking paint clean-up area.</li></ul></li></ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |              |          |            |                      |                              |



## TUFFINS LANE PLAYING FIELDS [Area: Port Macquarie | Classification: District Sports Fields]

| Field / playing area | Field level | Turf quality | Drainage | Irrigation | Field lighting level | Primary sport / use      |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------|----------|------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| East 1               | Good        | Poor         | No       | No         | No                   | Touch Football, cricket  |
| East 2               | Good        | Poor         | No       | No         | No                   | Touch Football, cricket  |
| East 3               | Good        | Poor         | No       | No         | No                   | Touch Football, cricket  |
| East 4               | Good        | Poor         | No       | No         | No                   | Touch Football, cricket  |
| West 5               | Good        | Poor         | No       | No         | No                   | Football, oztag, cricket |
| West 6               | Good        | Poor         | No       | No         | No                   | Football, oztag, cricket |
| West 7               | Good        | Poor         | No       | No         | No                   | Football, oztag          |
| West 8               | Poor        | Poor         | No       | No         | No                   | Football, oztag          |

### Sport-specific comments

- Football fields at this facility generally meet the minimum requirements of the relevant *Facility Guide*, competition standards or *FIFA Guidelines* for a Local Club. One field does not meet the preferred dimensions for a full-size football field, and in some instances minimum safety run-offs are constrained by the close arrangement of adjacent fields, particularly for junior layouts.
- Cricket fields at this facility meet the *Preferred Facility Guidelines* up to Open Age - Community Club. Cricket training nets suitable for Club (Home)
- Touch Football fields at this facility generally meet the *Preferred Facility Guidelines* for field dimensions, subject to the permitted variation in in-goal areas. In some instances, minimum safety run-offs are constrained by adjacent fields and synthetic cricket infrastructure.
- Oztag fields at this facility do not currently meet the relevant facility requirements for field dimensions, including length and in-goal areas. In some instances, minimum safety run-offs are constrained by adjacent fields and synthetic cricket infrastructure.

### Identified project / planning response

#### 1. Adopted Council Projects

- Sports field drainage environmental and planning approvals.
- Install field drainage.
- Develop Master Plan.

#### 2. Future Consideration Projects

- Upgrade cricket pitches at end of useful life.
- Investigate sports field lighting, subject to flight path requirements (subject to master planning).
- Upgrade car parking (subject to master planning).
- Upgrade cricket practice nets if they are to be retained (subject to master planning).

#### 3. Supported Club Projects

- Replace goal posts at end of useful life.

#### 4. Operational and Maintenance Improvements

- Provide a line-marking paint clean-up area.
- Install bike racks.

## WAYNE RICHARDS PARK [Area: Port Macquarie | Classification: District Sports Fields]

| Field / playing area                          | Field level                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Turf quality | Drainage         | Irrigation | Field lighting level | Primary sport / use |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Field 1                                       | Good                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Good         | No               | Yes        | 50/100 lux           | Football, cricket   |
| Field 2                                       | Good                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Good         | No               | Yes        | 50/100 lux           | Football, cricket   |
| Field 3                                       | Poor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Poor         | No               | Yes        | 50/100 lux           | Football            |
| Field 4                                       | Good                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Good         | Yes - functional | Yes        | 50/100/200 lux       | AFL, cricket        |
| <b>Sport-specific comments</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Football fields at this facility generally meet the minimum requirements of the relevant <i>Facility Guide</i>, competition standards or <i>FIFA Guidelines</i> for a Local Club. In some instances, minimum safety run-offs are constrained by synthetic cricket infrastructure.</li> <li>AFL field meets the minimum requirements of the <i>Preferred Community Facility Guidelines</i> for a Local Club and Regional Club.</li> <li>Cricket fields at this facility meet the <i>Preferred Facility Guidelines</i> up to Open Age - Community Club. The turf cricket pitch is capable of accommodating Open Age - Premier cricket. Cricket training nets suitable for Club (Home)</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |              |                  |            |                      |                     |
| <b>Identified project / planning response</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Adopted Council Projects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrade sports field lighting on Fields 1 and 2.</li> <li>Develop detailed design for Stages 3 and 4.</li> <li>Commence construction of Stages 3 and 4.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Future Consideration Projects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve Field 3 levels.</li> <li>Install drainage on Fields 1, 2 and 3.</li> <li>Replace turf cricket wicket.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Supported Club Projects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replace Field 4 AFL posts at end of useful life.</li> <li>Investigate tiered grandstand seating Field 1 and 2.</li> <li>Install dugouts on Field 2.</li> <li>Install an electronic scoreboard Field 4.</li> <li>Investigate terraced spectator seating Field 4.</li> <li>Install a rainwater tank for Field 4.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Operational and Maintenance Improvements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install bike racks.</li> <li>Provide a line-marking paint clean-up area.</li> <li>Improve drainage along western side of field 4</li> </ul> </li> </ol> |              |                  |            |                      |                     |

**LAKE CATHIE SPORTING COMPLEX** [Area: Lake Cathie / Bonny Hills | Classification: Local Sports Fields]

| Field / playing area                          | Field level                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Turf quality | Drainage | Irrigation | Field lighting level | Primary sport / use |
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| Field 1                                       | Good                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Good         | No       | Yes        | 100 lux              | Rugby League        |
| Field 2                                       | Good                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Fair         | No       | Yes        | 50 lux               | Rugby League        |
| Field 3                                       | Good                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Fair         | No       | Yes        | 50 lux               | Rugby League        |
| <b>Sport-specific comments</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most Rugby League fields at this facility generally meet the minimum requirements of the relevant <i>Preferred Facility Guidelines</i>, competition standards or <i>International Laws of the Game</i>. However, some smaller playing areas do not fully meet preferred field dimensions, particularly in relation to field length and in-goal areas. In some instances, minimum safety run-offs are also constrained by the close arrangement of adjacent fields.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |              |          |            |                      |                     |
| <b>Identified project / planning response</b> | <p><b>1. Adopted Council Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expand sport field playing area to better support mini and modified fields.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Future Consideration Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop Master Plan.</li> <li>Install drainage on all fields (subject to master planning).</li> <li>Redesign car park layout and line marking (subject to master planning).</li> <li>Add pathway from car park to clubhouse (subject to master planning).</li> <li>Investigate removal of declining trees at the southern end of Field 2 to support potential junior field expansion (subject to master planning).</li> <li>Renew Field 2 and 3 turf with TifTuf couch as part of future major field rectification or turf renewal works (subject to master planning).</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Supported Club Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install electronic scoreboards.</li> <li>Install tiered grandstand seating on southwestern side of Field 1.</li> </ul> <p><b>4. Operational and Maintenance Improvements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install bike racks.</li> <li>Provide a line-marking paint clean-up area.</li> <li>Upgrade perimeter fencing to bollards when at end of useful life (subject to master planning).</li> </ul> |              |          |            |                      |                     |

**RAINBOW BEACH SPORTING COMPLEX** [Area: Lake Cathie / Bonny Hills | Classification: District Sports Fields]

| Field / playing area                          | Field level                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Turf quality | Drainage         | Irrigation | Field lighting level | Primary sport / use |
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| Field 1                                       | Fair                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Fair         | Yes - functional | Yes        | 100 lux              | Football, AFL       |
| Field 2                                       | Fair                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Fair         | Yes - functional | Yes        | 100 lux              | Football, AFL       |
| Field 3                                       | Fair                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Fair         | Yes - functional | Yes        | 100 lux              | Football            |
| Field 4                                       | Fair                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Fair         | Yes - functional | Yes        | 100 lux              | Football            |
| <b>Sport-specific comments</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Football fields at this facility generally meet the minimum requirements of the relevant <i>Facility Guide</i>, competition standards or <i>FIFA Guidelines</i> for a Local Club. In some instances, minimum safety run-offs are constrained by the close arrangement of adjacent fields, particularly for junior layouts.</li><li>AFL field meets the minimum requirements of the <i>Preferred Community Facility Guidelines</i> for a Local Club.</li><li>Cricket fields at this facility meet <i>Preferred Facility Guidelines</i> up to Open Age - Community Club.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                              |              |                  |            |                      |                     |
| <b>Identified project / planning response</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. Adopted Council Projects</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Construct multi-use courts.</li><li>Construct cricket practice nets.</li><li>Install multi-use court lighting.</li></ul></li><li><b>2. Future Consideration Projects</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Formalise eastern car park</li><li>Install car park lighting</li><li>Improve drainage at southern ends of Field 3 and 4.</li><li>Install shelter with tiered seating, picnic settings and bench seat at Field 3.</li></ul></li><li><b>4. Operational and Maintenance Improvements</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provide a line-marking paint clean-up area.</li><li>Improve drainage at the northern end of the field 2.</li></ul></li></ul> |              |                  |            |                      |                     |



**KENDALL SPORTSGROUND** [Area: Camden Haven | Classification: Local Sports Fields]

| Field / playing area                          | Field level                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Turf quality | Drainage | Irrigation | Field lighting level | Primary sport / use     |
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| Field 1                                       | Fair                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Fair         | No       | No         | 50 lux               | Touch football, cricket |
| Field 2                                       | Poor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Fair         | No       | No         | No                   | Touch football, cricket |
| Field 3                                       | Poor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Fair         | No       | No         | No                   | Touch football, cricket |
| <b>Sport-specific comments</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Touch Football fields at this facility do not currently meet the <i>Preferred Facility Guidelines</i> for field dimensions, including length, width and in-goal areas. The guidelines note that variations to the dimensions of the field of play may be made. Minimum safety run-offs are also below the 5m preferred standard due to nearby obstacles, adjacent fields and cricket infrastructure.</li><li>Cricket field meets <i>Preferred Facility Guidelines</i> up to Open Age - Community Club. Cricket training nets suitable for Club (Satellite).</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |              |          |            |                      |                         |
| <b>Identified project / planning response</b> | <p><b>2. Future Consideration Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Develop Master Plan.</li><li>Realign western fence line with light pole to improve safety run offs for fields (subject to master planning).</li><li>Expand the field boundary beyond 50 metres where feasible (subject to master planning).</li><li>Reposition cricket practice nets in a north/south position at next upgrade (subject to master planning).</li><li>Remove Camphor Laurel if approved by Arborist to extend field (subject to master planning).</li><li>Investigate opportunity to increase activation (subject to master planning).</li></ul> <p><b>3. Supported Club Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Install additional picnic settings near the cricket practice nets (subject to master planning).</li></ul> <p><b>4. Operational and Maintenance Improvements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Replace missing cricket stumps within cricket nets.</li><li>Install bike racks.</li><li>Improve field levels through top dressing, particularly field 3.</li><li>Provide a line-marking paint clean-up area.</li></ul> |              |          |            |                      |                         |

**VINCE INMON SPORTING COMPLEX** [Area: Camden Haven | Classification: District Sports Fields]

| Field / playing area | Field level | Turf quality | Drainage                   | Irrigation | Field lighting level | Primary sport / use                             |
|----------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------------|------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Field 1b             | Good        | Good         | No                         | No         | 100 lux              | Netball, football                               |
| Field 2              | Poor        | Poor         | Yes - but doesn't function | No         | 100 lux              | Football, touch football                        |
| Field 3              | Fair        | Fair         | Yes - but doesn't function | Yes        | 100 lux              | Football, touch football, cricket               |
| Field 4 mod          | Poor        | Fair         | Yes - functional           | No         | 100 lux              | Rugby League, Football, touch football, cricket |
| Field 4 mini         | Poor        | Fair         | Yes - functional           | No         | Not recorded         | Rugby League, athletics                         |
| Field 5 (Main Oval)  | Fair        | Fair         | Yes - functional           | No         | 100 lux              | Rugby League, cricket, athletics                |

**Sport-specific comments**

- Most Football fields at this facility generally meet the minimum requirements of the relevant *Facility Guide*, competition standards or *FIFA Guidelines* for a Local Club. In some instances, minimum safety run-offs are constrained by the close arrangement of adjacent fields.
- Most Rugby League fields at this facility generally meet the minimum requirements of the relevant *Preferred Facility Guidelines*, competition standards or *International Laws of the Game*. The main field and U6 and 7s field meet the relevant field dimensions, however the mod-league field does not fully meet the preferred dimensions for senior Rugby League or U10 and 11s due to its shared configuration with football. In some instances, safety run-offs are constrained by adjacent fields.
- Touch Football fields at this facility do not currently meet the *Preferred Facility Guidelines* for field dimensions, including length, width and in-goal areas. The guidelines note that variations to the dimensions of the field of play may be made. Minimum safety run-offs are also below the 5m preferred standard due to nearby obstacles, adjacent fields and synthetic cricket pitch.
- Cricket fields at this facility meet the *Preferred Facility Guidelines* up to Open Age - Community Club. The turf cricket pitch is capable of accommodating Open Age - Premier cricket, however the short boundary is less than the preferred 65 metres, which limits full compliance with the Premier standard. Cricket training nets suitable for Club (Home).
- Athletics facilities at this venue do not currently meet the typical provision associated with a Local Club / Centre athletics facility. The venue includes a 300 metre grass running track rather than a standard 400 metre track, a 100 metre grass straight, two 40 metre long jump / triple jump runways, one 6 metre discus cage, two shot put circles and one grass javelin area. The athletics layout is limited and fragmented, which constrains the venue's functionality for athletics training, event use and broader facility development.



| Field / playing area                   | Field level                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Turf quality | Drainage | Irrigation | Field lighting level | Primary sport / use |
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| Identified project / planning response | <p><b>1. Adopted Council Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field 5 - Sports field reconstruction.</li> <li>Replace sports field fencing on Field 5.</li> <li>Upgrade and extend the synthetic cricket pitch on Fields 3 and 4.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Future Consideration Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lighting upgrade to LED and reposition poles away from fields, safety run offs and grandstand view.</li> <li>Install or upgrade subsurface drainage for Field 1b, 2 and 3.</li> <li>Install irrigation Field 1b, Field 2, Field 4 mod, Field 4 mini, Field 5.</li> <li>Improve drainage on Field 3.</li> <li>Investigate raising and regrading field levels on Fields 2-4.</li> <li>Renew turf with TifTuf couch as part of future major field rectification or turf renewal works.</li> <li>Continue delivery of Master Plan.</li> <li>Formalise additional car parking.</li> <li>Improve pathway connectivity.</li> <li>Investigate terrace seating.</li> <li>Investigate replacement and design of eastern chain-link fence.</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Supported Club Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct cricket curator shed.</li> </ul> <p><b>4. Operational and Maintenance Improvements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide a line-marking paint clean-up area.</li> <li>Remove old baseball fence.</li> <li>Install bike racks.</li> <li>Upgrade timber post and rail fence to bollards when at end of useful life.</li> </ul> |              |          |            |                      |                     |

**ANDREWS PARK** [Area: Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Classification: District Sports Fields]

| Field / playing area                          | Field level                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Turf quality | Drainage                   | Irrigation | Field lighting level | Primary sport / use  |
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| Field 1                                       | Poor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Fair         | Yes - but doesn't function | No         | 100 lux              | Rugby Union, cricket |
| <b>Sport-specific comments</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rugby Union fields at this facility meet the minimum requirements of the <i>Rugby AU National Facility Guidelines</i>, competition standards or <i>Laws of the Game</i>. Safety run-offs also meet the relevant minimum standard.</li> <li>Cricket field meets <i>Preferred Facility Guidelines</i> for Open Age - Community Club. Extend the turf pitch 4 m east to allow a 60 m boundary.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |              |                            |            |                      |                      |
| <b>Identified project / planning response</b> | <p><b>1. Adopted Council Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Install multi-use court lighting.</li> <li>Sports field reconstruction.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Future Consideration Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove old cricket nets closest to the road.</li> <li>Remove old skate space.</li> <li>Lighting upgrade.</li> <li>Upgrade car parking.</li> <li>Upgrade pathways.</li> <li>Upgrade cricket practice nets.</li> <li>Construct additional hard courts.</li> </ul> <p><b>4. Operational and Maintenance Improvements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide a line-marking paint clean-up area.</li> <li>Install bike racks.</li> <li>Install perimeter bollard fencing and replace the timber post and rail with bollards.</li> <li>Install drinking fountain with bottle filler.</li> </ul> |              |                            |            |                      |                      |

**BLACKBUTT PARK** [Area: Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Classification: District Sports Fields]

| Field / playing area | Field level | Turf quality | Drainage         | Irrigation                 | Field lighting level | Primary sport / use |
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| Main field           | Fair        | Fair         | Yes - functional | Yes - but doesn't function | 200 lux              | Athletics, baseball |
| Diamond 1            | Fair        | Fair         | Yes - functional | Yes - but doesn't function | 200 lux              | Baseball            |
| Diamond 2            | Fair        | Fair         | Yes - functional | Yes - but doesn't function | 200 lux              | Baseball            |
| Diamond 3            | Fair        | Fair         | Yes - functional | Yes - but doesn't function | 200 lux              | Baseball            |

**Sport-specific comments**

- Baseball diamonds at this facility generally meet the minimum requirements of the relevant *Facility Guidelines* for Club Competition. In some instances, outfield and centre-field distances vary from the preferred dimensions due to being a multi-use facility. Supporting infrastructure constraints include partial sideline fencing compliance on Diamond 1, partial sideline fencing compliance on Diamond 2, non-compliant backstop and sideline fencing on Diamond 3, a batting cage in poor condition, no bull pen, and some athletics field event infrastructure that conflicts with diamond layouts and requires repositioning or upgrade.
- Athletics facilities at this venue provide some of the elements typically associated with a Local Club / Centre athletics facility, but the overall provision is limited. The venue includes a 400 metre grass running track, a 100 metre grass running straight, two 30 metre long jump runways, one 3 metre discus cage and three shot put circles. However, based on the current provision listed, the facility does not include all elements typically associated with a Local Club / Centre athletics facility.





| Field / playing area                   | Field level                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Turf quality | Drainage | Irrigation | Field lighting level | Primary sport / use |
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| Identified project / planning response | <p><b>1. Adopted Council Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop Master Plan.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Future Consideration Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrade car parking, including line marking and accessible spaces (subject to master planning).</li> <li>Add bus drop off zone if achievable (subject to master planning).</li> <li>Upgrade lighting on Diamond 1 and Diamond 2 (subject to master planning).</li> <li>Upgrade sport field drainage and irrigation (subject to master planning).</li> <li>Extend the existing junior long jump pit (subject to master planning).</li> <li>Upgrade non-compliant discus cage (subject to master planning).</li> <li>Improve pathway connectivity particularly from car park to clubhouse and amenities (subject to master planning).</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Supported Club Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Construct a bullpen for pitcher warm-up and training (subject to master planning).</li> <li>Double size of batting cage if possible and perform repairs and resurfacing (subject to master planning).</li> </ul> <p><b>4. Operational and Maintenance Improvements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Baseball fence repairs on Diamond 1 and 2.</li> <li>Upgrade timber picnic tables to aluminium due to vandalism.</li> <li>Upgrade perimeter fence from timber post and rail to timber bollards.</li> <li>Remove trip hazards around perimeter of building.</li> <li>Investigate temporary camera surveillance to deter vandalism.</li> <li>Provide a line-marking paint clean-up area.</li> <li>Install bike racks.</li> <li>Install perimeter vehicle barrier bollards at southern entry into the site to prevent access (subject to master planning).</li> <li>Relocate the shot put area away from third base and install an additional shot put circle (subject to master planning).</li> </ul> |              |          |            |                      |                     |

**CHARLIE WATT RESERVE** [Area: Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Classification: Local Sports Fields]

| Field / playing area                          | Field level                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Turf quality | Drainage         | Irrigation | Field lighting level | Primary sport / use |
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| Field 1                                       | Fair                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Fair         | Yes - functional | No         | 100 lux              | Football            |
| Field 2                                       | Fair                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Fair         | No               | No         | 100 lux              | Football            |
| Field 3                                       | Fair                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Fair         | No               | No         | No                   | Football            |
| <b>Sport-specific comments</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Football fields at this facility generally meet the minimum requirements of the relevant <i>Facility Guide</i>, competition standards or <i>FIFA Guidelines</i> for a Local Club. In some instances, minimum safety run-offs are constrained by the close arrangement of adjacent fields.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |              |                  |            |                      |                     |
| <b>Identified project / planning response</b> | <p><b>2. Future Consideration Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop Master Plan.</li> <li>Formalise the car park layout (subject to master planning).</li> <li>Add accessible pathway from the car park to the building (subject to master planning).</li> <li>Install solar lighting in the car park and park areas to improve safety after evening use (subject to master planning).</li> <li>Improve drainage on Fields 2 and 3 (subject to master planning).</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Supported Club Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replace goal posts at end of useful life.</li> <li>Upgrade roadside fencing (subject to master planning).</li> </ul> <p><b>4. Operational and Maintenance Improvements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide a line-marking paint clean-up area.</li> <li>Install bubbler/bottle filler with dog bowl.</li> <li>Install bike racks.</li> <li>Upgrade perimeter fencing to bollards (subject to master planning).</li> </ul> |              |                  |            |                      |                     |

**FAIRMONT GARDENS SPORTING FIELDS** [Area: Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Classification: Local Sports Fields]

| Field / playing area                          | Field level                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Turf quality | Drainage         | Irrigation | Field lighting level | Primary sport / use |
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| Field 1                                       | Poor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Poor         | No               | No         | 100 lux              | Football, cricket   |
| Field 2                                       | Poor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Poor         | Yes - functional | No         | 100 lux              | Football, cricket   |
| Field 3                                       | Poor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Poor         | No               | No         | 100 lux              | Football            |
| <b>Sport-specific comments</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Football fields at this facility generally meet the minimum requirements of the relevant <i>Facility Guide</i>, competition standards or <i>FIFA Guidelines</i> for a Local Club. In some instances, minimum safety run-offs are constrained by the close arrangement of adjacent fields.</li><li>Cricket field meets <i>Preferred Facility Guidelines</i> up to Open Age - Community Club.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |              |                  |            |                      |                     |
| <b>Identified project / planning response</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Adopted Council Projects</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Install field drainage on all fields.</li><li>Develop Master Plan.</li></ul></li><li><b>Future Consideration Projects</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Reseal car park and line mark (subject to master planning).</li></ul></li><li><b>Supported Club Projects</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Upgrade two dugouts (subject to master planning).</li><li>Install three-tier spectator seating for Field 1 (subject to master planning).</li><li>Provide accessible pathways from the car park to the amenity building (subject to master planning).</li></ul></li><li><b>Operational and Maintenance Improvements</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provide a line-marking paint clean-up area.</li><li>Add bottle filler or drinking fountain.</li><li>Replace timber post and rail fence with bollards at end of useful life.</li><li>Improve field levels through top dressing.</li><li>Upgrade the sewer main (subject to master planning).</li></ul></li></ol> |              |                  |            |                      |                     |

**LANDRIGAN PARK** [Area: Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Classification: Local Sports Fields]

| Field / playing area                          | Field level                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Turf quality | Drainage                   | Irrigation | Field lighting level | Primary sport / use               |
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| Field 1                                       | Poor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Fair         | Yes - but doesn't function | No         | 100 lux              | Football, cricket, touch football |
| Field 2                                       | Poor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Fair         | Yes - but doesn't function | No         | 100 lux              | Football, cricket, touch football |
| <b>Sport-specific comments</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Football fields at this facility generally meet the minimum requirements of the relevant <i>Facility Guide</i>, competition standards or <i>FIFA Guidelines</i> for a Local Club. In some instances, minimum safety run-offs are constrained by adjacent synthetic cricket infrastructure.</li> <li>Cricket field meets <i>Preferred Facility Guidelines</i> up to Junior Format Stage 2.</li> <li>Touch Football fields at this facility do not currently meet the <i>Preferred Facility Guidelines</i> for field dimensions, including width and in-goal areas. The guidelines note that variations to the dimensions of the field of play may be made. Minimum safety run-offs are also below the 5m preferred standard due to adjacent fields and cricket infrastructure.</li> </ul> |              |                            |            |                      |                                   |
| <b>Identified project / planning response</b> | <p><b>2. Future Consideration Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve field drainage.</li> <li>Field levelling at northern end of both fields.</li> <li>Upgrade lighting to LED and reposition to accommodate loop pathway and foot bridge.</li> <li>Improve pathway accessibility.</li> <li>Line mark car park.</li> </ul> <p><b>4. Operational and Maintenance Improvements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide a line-marking paint clean-up area.</li> <li>Plant two Tallowood trees to offset removal of tree during hard court construction (to be planted in the swale drain out of the safety run off zone of fields).</li> <li>Investigate temporary camera surveillance to deter vandalism.</li> </ul>                                                                         |              |                            |            |                      |                                   |

**LANK BAIN SPORTING COMPLEX** [Area: Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Classification: District Sports Fields]

| Field / playing area                          | Field level                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Turf quality | Drainage | Irrigation | Field lighting level | Primary sport / use                   |
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| Field 1                                       | Good                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Good         | No       | Yes        | 100 lux              | Rugby League, touch football          |
| Field 2                                       | Poor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Poor         | No       | No         | 100 lux              | Rugby League, touch football, cricket |
| Field 3                                       | Poor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Poor         | No       | No         | 100 lux              | Rugby League, touch football, cricket |
| Field 4                                       | Poor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Poor         | No       | No         | 50 lux               | Rugby League, touch football, cricket |
| Field 5                                       | Poor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Poor         | No       | No         | 50 lux               | Rugby League, touch football, cricket |
| Field 6                                       | Poor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Poor         | No       | No         | 50 lux               | Rugby League, touch football, cricket |
| <b>Sport-specific comments</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most Rugby League fields at this facility meet the minimum requirements of the relevant <i>Preferred Facility Guidelines</i>, competition standards or <i>International Laws of the Game</i>. However, some junior playing areas do not fully meet the preferred dimensions, particularly in relation to field length and in-goal areas, and in some instances safety run-offs are constrained by adjacent fields and synthetic cricket infrastructure.</li> <li>Cricket fields at this facility meet <i>Preferred Facility Guidelines</i> up to Junior Format Stage 2.</li> <li>Touch Football fields at this facility do not currently meet the <i>Preferred Facility Guidelines</i> for field dimensions, including length, width and in-goal areas. In some instances, minimum safety run-offs are constrained by adjacent fields, synthetic cricket infrastructure and nearby obstacles.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                |              |          |            |                      |                                       |
| <b>Identified project / planning response</b> | <p><b>1. Adopted Council Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop Master Plan.</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Future Consideration Projects</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrade Field 1 lighting to LED at end of useful life.</li> <li>Install drainage on field 1.</li> <li>Field rectification to Fields 2-6 (levels, drainage, irrigation, turf type) (subject to master planning).</li> <li>Formalise car parking (subject to master planning).</li> <li>Investigate field configuration improvements to better support sport needs, including larger field formats (subject to master planning).</li> <li>Improve vehicle, pedestrian and footpath access to the grounds (subject to master planning).</li> <li>Investigate repositioning of synthetic cricket pitches (subject to master planning).</li> </ul> <p><b>4. Operational and Maintenance Improvements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide a line-marking paint clean-up area.</li> <li>Improve spectator seating around perimeter of Field 1.</li> <li>Add bottle fillers/drinking fountain to both clubhouses.</li> </ul> |              |          |            |                      |                                       |



**LONG FLAT SHOWGROUND** [Area: Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Classification: Local Sports Fields]

| Field / playing area                          | Field level                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Turf quality | Drainage | Irrigation | Field lighting level | Primary sport / use |
|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------|------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Field 1                                       | Poor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Poor         | No       | No         | 50 lux               | Rugby League        |
| <b>Sport-specific comments</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Rugby League field at this facility generally meets the minimum requirements of the relevant <i>Preferred Facility Guidelines</i>, competition standards or <i>International Laws of the Game</i>.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |              |          |            |                      |                     |
| <b>Identified project / planning response</b> | <b>3. Supported Club Projects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Improve field levels through top dressing.</li><li>Realigning the eastern fence line would allow the field to increase to the desired 68m width and maintain the minimum 3m safety run-off.</li><li>Realigning the southern fence line would allow the field to shift south and the in-goal areas to increase to the desired 8m and maintain the minimum 3m safety run-off.</li></ul> |              |          |            |                      |                     |

**SANCROX RESERVE** [Area: Wauchope, Surrounds & Hinterland | Classification: Local Sports Fields]

| Field / playing area                          | Field level                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Turf quality | Drainage | Irrigation | Field lighting level | Primary sport / use |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------|------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Field 1 (Main Field)                          | Poor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Poor         | No       | No         | No                   | Cricket             |
| <b>Sport-specific comments</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cricket field meets the <i>Preferred Facility Guidelines</i> up to Open Age - Community Club.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |              |          |            |                      |                     |
| <b>Identified project / planning response</b> | <b>2. Future Consideration Projects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Develop Master Plan.</li><li>Investigate sport field levelling and surface restoration (subject to master planning).</li><li>Investigate field drainage (subject to master planning).</li><li>Opportunity to increase activation (subject to master planning).</li></ul> <b>4. Operational and Maintenance Improvements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Provide a line-marking paint clean-up area.</li></ul> |              |          |            |                      |                     |



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