

Tweed Shire Regional Sport and Recreation Facilities Plan

Project Outline

The Regional Sports and Recreation Facilities Plan was initiated by Tweed Shire Council to identify and analyse the present and future needs for sporting and recreation facilities at a regional or higher level in the Tweed Shire until 2022. In June 2005 consulting companies Leisure Futures and Amarna Pty Ltd were engaged to undertake the Regional Sports and Recreation Facilities Plan.

Key elements identified within the planning process included the capacity for sporting clubs and organisations which have or will have the capacity to sustain a regional facility, the assessment of trends within sports and the effects that these may have on facility development and the location capital funding and priority requirements for identified facilities.

The plan outlines the potential need for a range of specific regional sports and recreation facilities through to 2024 and whilst Council plays a major role in the delivery of these facilities in the majority of cases the long term sustainability of these facilities will be in the hands of the sports clubs and associations that utilise the facilities.

Key Recommendations (Macro Level)

The following key recommendations were endorsed by Council:

1. Provide appropriate human resources to support the implementation of the recommendations within the plan.
2. Initiate the development of a feasibility and master plan study for the staged development of Arkininstall Park as a Regional Sports Complex.
3. Develop internal (Council) policy and procedures for a coordinated delivery of Sport and Recreation.
4. Establish a network with neighbouring Councils to develop a regional sports planning process.
5. Develop the Tweed Shire Regional Sports Forum.
6. Review of the The Regional Sports and Recreation Facilities Plan in 2001.

