



Townsville City Council

Murray Sports Complex Newsletter

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HISTORY OF MURRAY SPORT COMPLEX How did it all start?

1968 - Original proposal was drawn up

1969 – 170 acre complex was re-zoned as a recreational reserve under council control

1970 - Preliminary works began with sixteen weeks to complete the project

1970 - Leases granted to the following sporting clubs

- Junior Soccer
- Junior Rugby League
- Hockey
- Cricket
- Basketball
- Senior Rugby League
- Australian Rules

1974 - Official opening of Endeavour Park (Cricket)

1975 - Opening of the indoor basketball facility. One of the best stadiums in Australia

Sports at Murray

- Football (soccer)
- AFL
- Netball
- Cricket
- Hockey
- Basketball
- Darts
- Cycling
- BMX
- Pony Club



Construction of the "Dome" at Murray 1973

"CityLibraries Townsville, Local History Collection"

If you have any old team photos please send to sport@townsville.qld.gov.au

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IN BRIEF: CURRENT WORKS AT MURRAY SPORTS COMPLEX

Townsville RSL Stadium

The Townsville RSL Stadium development is well and truly underway with 80% of the roofing and insulation completed. The framework of the centre has been erected and the car park is currently under construction.

Townsville Football Inc.

An upgrade of lighting to two of the football fields has been completed to allow for increased night game capacity. The previous lights have been relocated to the senior fields.

SPORT UPDATES

TOWNSVILLE CITY NETBALL

Townsville City Netball (TCN) has had a \$65,973 upgrade to the existing Synpave courts. Field rectification works have been undertaken by installation of underground drainage to displace water to avoid further subsidence of the grounds.

Townsville City Netball currently has 10 hard courts and 18 grass courts. Only 12 of these courts are lit. TCN's main need is for additional lighting of courts to accommodate the growing demand for night games.

An additional 9 courts available at night as a result of \$124,000 spent on lighting will significantly reduce the rounds for night competition from 3 to 2 allowing the same amount of players to finish at a more reasonable time on week nights. This lighting has just been completed and has been eagerly awaited.

The next project for TCN is the upgrades to the existing clubhouse to bring it in line with the rest of the facilities, ensuring that Townsville's netball facilities are more than adequate to hold major events and competitions.



HAVE YOUR SAY

If you have any comments to share that will benefit other readers please email

sport@townsville.qld.gov.au

Limit 100 words

TOWNSVILLE CYCLE CLUB

Townsville Cycle Club's velodrome is a 333.33m concrete external oval track with associated buildings. The velodrome track is one of the few championship quality velodromes in Queensland and the only one north of Rockhampton.

The Townsville Cycle club has hosted the Townsville Cup, as well as the North Queensland Track cycling titles. To attract and retain events of this standard it is imperative that the current track and facilities are maintained to a high and safe level.

The proposed track repairs due to be finished in November comprise of breaking out and repairing sections of the track to bring it back to the original profile.

The warm up tracks will also be replaced as the continued wear and tear has begun deteriorated the tracks.

Once the \$185,000 has been spent on this track it will once again be a highlight in the cycling world and we look forward to seeing more top class events held in Townsville, both for road and track riders.



CLUB DEVELOPMENT

MEMBERSHIP DATABASE

Why are they so important to Clubs?

Membership databases and websites can make collecting information and communications with your members very accessible and effective. Up-to-date information can be distributed quickly to all members through the following channels:

- email (individual, group, club)
- e-newsletters
- reports (financial, membership, club)
- calendar of events (club, state, national, international)
- meetings (dates, distribution of agendas and minutes)
- surveys and questionnaires
- coaching clinics, official's clinics, selection clinics
- competition results (club, state, national)
- release of policies, such as selection policies, member protection policies, constitutional, policies
- alerts to any special offers, deals and opportunities on offer to your members.

One of the goals of a membership database is to help you get to know your members and to identify any changes or trends in your membership base so that your club can respond accordingly.

For example, if there is a decline in your membership you need to be able to work out whether it is men, women, juniors or particular age groups that are leaving your club so that you can address this.

If you were to embark upon a membership drive, the database can help you identify gaps so that you can target particular categories of members.

FREE WORKSHOP

17th November 2010

Tony Ireland Stadium

Sustainable Sporting Clubs – The Advantages of Proficient Club Administration and Strategic Planning-

Successfully operating a sport and recreation organisation incorporates many challenging aspects requiring various skills, abilities and attitudes. New volunteers can't be expected to understand and be proficient with all these aspects, therefore it is important to continually up-skill and develop specific administrative knowledge. One such component is the development of long term strategic planning, which is integral to the sustainability of sport and recreation organisations and when implemented effectively can produce extraordinary results.

This workshop will incorporate an interactive presentation focusing on:

- committee roles
- volunteer responsibilities
- financial management
- event management
- facilities
- risk management
- the benefits of planning
- the planning process
- setting goals and targets
- actions to achieve your plans
- implementation and reviewing your plans
- succession planning.

To register contact the Sport and Recreation Section on (07) 4727 9000 or email the names and contact details of your club representatives to sport@townsville.qld.gov.au by 15th November 2010.

STAFF PROFILE – Sport and Recreation - Elissa Hurely

Nickname:	Lis
Favorite Sport:	Cricket, Rugby League and V8's. Cricket is my favourite.
Favorite Sporting Personality:	Andrew Symonds of course.
Sports played or involved in:	I am not really involved in sport however I do enjoy a bit of backyard cricket and swimming.
How long in Sport & Recreation:	5 years.
Outside activities enjoyed:	I attend groups classes at the gym, walking/jogging along the river and the occasional walk up Castle Hill.
Sporting Achievements:	I would have to say my best achievement was claiming my position of 'Goal Attack' in Netball when I was 10. I also managed to survive a 6 week boot camp challenge which saw me having to wake at 5am on Saturday mornings. Very hard!



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- Grants
- Club Development
- Workshops
- Resources

CLUB PROFILE OF THE MONTH

Horse Sports NQ

The Townsville Horse Sports have over 100 members and 50 horses with participants traveling from all over North Queensland to attend events. People travel from as far as Mackay and Cairns to compete at new facilities which include a show jumping arena and take advantage of the great under cover stables, floodlit competition standard dressage rings, show jumping arena, adjustment paddocks and the 40 day stalls available. Competitors have access to a new canteen and camping facilities.

The club has Rally's every month and run regular workshops with some of Australia's leading equestrian coaches. This club is a fast growing and exciting club to be involved in.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

**The Townsville City Council Sport and Recreation Team
would like to wish you
a safe and very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.
We look forward working with you in the New Year.**



To be featured in our club of the month
please email your clubs details to
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