

# DRIVING GROWTH IN COASTAL COMMUNITIES

## MAROOCHYDORE MULTI SPORTS COMPLEX

### AT A GLANCE

- New two-level building
- Two unisex change rooms and amenities
- New first aid and medical rooms
- Unisex umpire change rooms and amenities
- Public amenities
- Electronic scoreboard
- Administration offices and meeting space
- Three high quality fields
- Expanded and upgraded netball facility featuring parent's room, training and administration spaces

### IN NUMBERS

- Approximately \$2,800,000 invested, including \$150,000 from the Australian Football Facilities Fund
- 8 unisex showers
- 2 new umpire rooms
- First female friendly change space in the region
- Netball facilities

### THE BACKGROUND

## A GROWING COMMUNITY

The Sunshine Coast is growing rapidly and by 2041, the population is expected to increase by 63 per cent. On a community level, in the past three seasons Maroochydore Australian Football Club has grown more than 15 per cent.

To accommodate the increasing population and popularity of AFL, the Maroochydore Multi Sport Complex was upgraded, making national standard facilities available to players and volunteers, from the grassroots to elite levels.

with the state-of-the-art facilities to match. The community has access to three ovals with a fourth currently being developed, allowing increased participation and talent development programs, and AFL Queensland offices allow the region to receive exceptional support and open up the facility to other sports. Its impact was immediate. Six AFL clubs used the facility for 2020 preseason training and multiple clubs have been based on the Sunshine Coast in high performance hubs due to COVID.

It is a facility designed especially for its community. It's accessible, inclusive and built for the needs of male and female teams, athletes, umpires and officials at all levels.

### THE FUTURE

## CONTINUING THE GROWTH

The growth will continue into the new decade, with Council committing an additional \$1.9 million to invest in a fourth football field and additional change rooms to make the Complex one of the nation's largest AFL facilities.

Maroochydore will join the QAFL in 2020 so the venue will host top flight State football.

AFLQ has more than 116 Sunshine Coast school teams playing in the Q Schools Club competition and in 2020, the Q Schools Cup will be hosted at the venue, in addition to hosting elite competition and talent, diversity and inclusion programs.

### THE PROCESS

## INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE

As part of the Sunshine Coast Regional Council masterplan for the precinct, AFL Queensland, the Sunshine Coast Netball Association, Maroochydore Australian Football Club and other Sunshine Coast based clubs were part of the process to ensure the facility met the needs of the growing community.

### THE RESULT

## A HOME FOR SUNSHINE COAST AFL

The 11,500 strong Sunshine Coast football community has a new home,



Each weekend thousands of players, parents, volunteers, coaches and umpires descend on clubs across the Sunshine Coast and the rest of Queensland to enjoy our uniquely Australian game. To keep players and officials engaged in the game and engaged with their clubs we need to deliver fit for purpose facilities that are safe, accessible, and welcoming. Maroochydore Multi Sports Complex is the benchmark for community football on the Sunshine Coast, if not Queensland, making national standard facilities available for players and volunteers.

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