QUEENSLAND - COMMUNITY LIGHTING UPGRADE

BOYNE OVAL

Facility Hierarchy: Local Club Level

Total Project Cost: $166,000

Council: Gladstone Regional Council

Club: Boyne Island Tannum Sands (BITS) Australian Football Club

Project Timeframe: December 2021 - December 2022

OVERVIEW

The lighting project at Boyne Oval saw the installation of two new lighting towers, supporting the ovals existing towers. This upgrade has increased the lighting to 100 lux aligning with the preferred lighting standards for a local level facility as outlined in the AFL's Preferred Facility Guidelines.

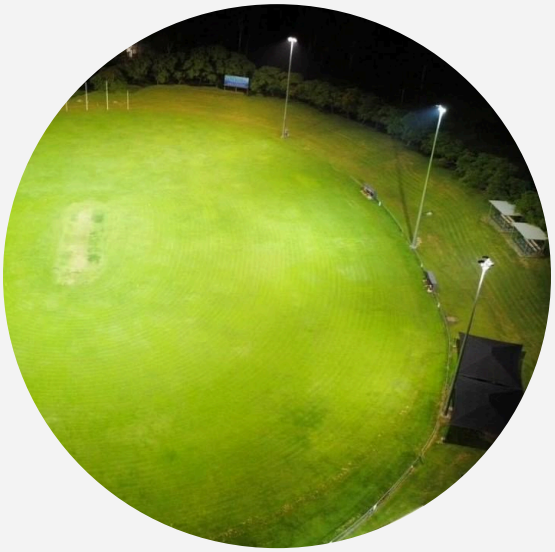
The lighting upgrade enabled BITS to extend training sessions and game day schedules, offering 10 additional hours of valuable field time each week. This enhancement not only benefited existing members but also attracted new participants, driving up engagement levels and fostering a sense of community spirit within the club.

The surge in female participation in the AFL Capricornia competition stands as a testament to BITS's inclusive approach. The introduction of a Junior Girls Competition was a pivotal step in accommodating this growing demographic, with the number of female participants skyrocketing from 27 in 2019 to an impressive 72 in 2023. This expansion not only reflects the club's commitment to gender equality but also highlights the proactive efforts to embrace diversity and provide equal opportunities for all.

BITS's journey exemplifies the power of strategic funding partnerships, proactive community engagement, and a steadfast commitment to inclusivity. By investing in modernisation, embracing diversity, and prioritising the needs of its members, the club has not only flourished but has also emerged as a beacon of community cohesion in the Boyne Island Tannum Sands region.

Project Outcomes

- Flexible fixturing for training and competition
- Provided a safer space at night for all club members
- Generated an additional 10 hours per week of football use
- Positive community engagement and place of social cohesion
- Significant growth in female football participants



"With the help of the Queensland Government Active Gameday grant and AFL Queensland, we will be able to provide a quality facility to create an enjoyable environment, building relationships with a high level of trust where people can be honest and are willing to work hard to improve and celebrate team success.**"**

Tim Boston, Coach - Boyne Island Tannum Sands AFC