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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Submission to the Inquiry into Australia's preparedness to host Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games

On behalf of Hockey Queensland (HQ) and Hockey Australia (HA) (collectively, Hockey), we have attached a copy of Hockey's submission to the Queensland Government's 100-day Review of Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure (the 100-day review).

As there is significant commonality between the Terms of Reference for the Committee's Inquiry and those of the 100-day Review, Hockey is seeking to have its submission to the 100-day Review considered as part of the Senate Committee for Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport References Committee inquiry into ***Australia's preparedness to host Commonwealth, Olympic and Paralympic Games.***

Please note that the supporting annexures to the submission can be accessed at:

- [Hockey Queensland/Hockey Australia 2025 QLD State Election Brief](#)
- [Hockey Major Infrastructure Feasibility Study](#)
- [Hockey Queensland/Hockey Australia Submission to the 60-day Review of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic venue Master Plan](#)

In addition, Hockey would welcome the opportunity of appearing before the Committee on **Friday, 7 February 2025**, with the preference that this be undertaken via video link (either Microsoft Teams or other suitable platform).



Hockey will be represented at the public hearing by:

- Mr David Pryles, CEO, HA; and
- Ms Alison Lyons, CEO, HQ.

We look forward to hearing from the Secretariat as to the Committee's decision regarding our request to participate in the public hearing on 7 February 2025.

In the interim, should you require any further information from Hockey, please do not hesitate to contact Mr John Lamont, Manager, External Relations, HA

Regards,

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Dear Mr Hourigan,

RE: Submission from Hockey to the 100-day Review of Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure

Hockey Queensland (HQ) and Hockey Australia (HA) are grateful for the opportunity to submit a response to the Queensland Government's Terms of Reference (TOR) for the **100-day Review of Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure** (the 100-day Review).

This submission, jointly prepared by HQ and HA, reflects our shared commitment to establishing a lasting legacy for Hockey through the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games (Brisbane 2032) and beyond.

With over 16,000 playing members in Queensland and 90,000 nationally, Hockey is one of Australia's most inclusive and widely played sports. We have 24 local Associations across Queensland, with participation equally split between men and women (52% female, 48% male), and players ranging in age from 5 to 85.

Queensland has a long history of producing elite hockey talent, with 66 Olympians and 190 national representatives who have played for the Hockeyroos and Kookaburras. To continue nurturing world-class athletes and expanding participation, HQ and HA are focused on ensuring that infrastructure investments align with the strategic needs of the sport within the framework of Brisbane 2032.

Given the 10 January 2025 deadline for submitting this response, we have structured our submission in two parts:

- **Part 1** focuses on the critical and time-sensitive task of identifying and finalising a dedicated Olympic venue for Brisbane 2032 by the deadline for submission of 10 January 2025.
- **Part 2** addresses the broader objectives outlined in the Terms of Reference (TOR), emphasising the optimisation of long-term benefits by ensuring that facility infrastructure investments drive and support regional economic development.

Part 2 of this submission will be lodged on 10 February 2025.

In Part 1, HQ and HA's proposal highlights that the current hockey venue included in the Master Plan (i.e. temporary pitches at Ballymore) falls well short of meeting any objective, long-term legacy requirements, without, **at a minimum**, a co-commitment to developing long-term Hockey infrastructure in Brisbane.

This proposal then assesses potential, venue options against the same 100-day Review assessment criteria before making what is, a pragmatic recommendation that the 2032 Olympic Hockey tournaments be hosted at the Gold Coast Hockey Centre (GCHC). With an Athletes' Village already slated for construction at Robina, this approach will ensure the Hockey athletes' experience, including village life, remains comparable with the Brisbane hub thereby preserving the essence of the Olympic experience. Finally, throughout the 2018 Commonwealth Games, the GCHC venue demonstrated it can and does present Hockey in a visually and aesthetically engaging way to elevate the sport's profile globally during the Olympics.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with the Review Panel to further discuss this submission. This conversation would help the Panel better understand the positive impact and long-term benefits Hockey can bring to Queensland.

Should the Panel require any additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact HQ CEO, Alison Lyons at _____ or HA CEO, David Pryles

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Attachments:

1. *"Major Hockey Infrastructure Feasibility Study", undertaken by Otium Pty Ltd on behalf of HQ and HA. 2024.*
2. HQ's comprehensive submission to the Queensland Government's 60-Day Review
3. 2024 Queensland State Election Brief, HQ and HA.

Part 1 of HQ/HA's submission to the 100-day Review

Executive Summary

This submission, jointly prepared by Hockey Queensland (HQ) and Hockey Australia (HA), underscores our shared commitment to securing a lasting legacy for Hockey through to the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games (Brisbane 2032) and beyond.

The current Games Venue Master Plan relies on temporary pitches at Ballymore, a short-term solution that does not deliver any meaningful infrastructure or legacy benefits for community hockey or high-performance hockey.

HQ and HA believe that legacy is not something for which we should wait. The Brisbane 2032 legacy starts now and extends through the Games period and into the future post-2032. Any delay in targeting legacy outcomes ensures that the beneficial economic, community and sporting development opportunities of the critical pre-2032 phase will be lost.

In assessing alternatives, HQ and HA have completed the following high-level assessment of the current plan against a potential long-term facility against the criteria set out in the Terms of Reference for the 100-day Review.

| 100-day Review Assessment Criteria | Temporary Hockey Pitches at Ballymore with NO legacy venue | Temporary Pitches at Ballymore WITH legacy venue | Opportunities afforded by a Permanent Hockey Legacy |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Maximise the use of existing venues | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ |
| Value within the agreed funding envelope | ? | ? | ✓ |
| Leveraging investment | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Legacy-focused | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Integrated Planning | ? | ? | ✓ |
| Benefits for rural and regional Queensland | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ |

Table 1 - Assessment of current v future options

In line with the above, HQ and HA continue to advocate for the inclusion of a **permanent legacy venue** for Hockey in the 2032 Games venue plan. For such a venue to meet our needs, we have three complementary requirements:

1. **Community Facility:** Supporting local, grassroots hockey, with over 16,000 players in Queensland and 90,000 nationally.
2. **Event Centre:** Capable of hosting state, national and international hockey competitions.

3. **High-Performance Centre:** Supporting world-class athlete development, with Queensland having produced 66 Olympians and 190 national representatives for the Hockeyroos and Kookaburras.

Over the past two years, HQ and HA have independently funded a comprehensive **Major Infrastructure Feasibility Study** (attached) to identify a suitable legacy venue for hockey in Queensland. The Study engaged a wide range of stakeholders and revealed significant gaps in event infrastructure and synthetic playing surfaces, with a shortfall of 6-7 pitches in Brisbane even before factoring in the needs of the Olympic Games. HQ and HA are committed to continuing consultations with all levels of government and the private sector to address this shortfall and meet future demand for hockey pitches in the greater Brisbane region.

As flagged in the original Federation Internationale de Hockey (FIH) and HA submission in 2021¹, the use of a temporary solution at Ballymore should only be considered, **if it is accompanied by a commitment to building a legacy Hockey facility for Brisbane**. This includes upgrades to existing facilities to provide training facilities for visiting Olympic teams, new pitches to address the infrastructure deficit identified in the Study thereby meeting the needs of community participation, and high-performance hockey. Furthermore, following the 2022 Brisbane floods, there are serious question marks about the suitability of Ballymore even to host “temporary facilities”. This raises significant questions about the original Master Venue plan even before the question of long-term legacy are considered,

While a new facility in Brisbane would be HQ and HA’s preferred outcome, we understand the constraints that the Review Panel, Governments, and the Organising Committee face.

If this is not possible, HQ and HA are recommending the Gold Coast Hockey Centre (GCHC) as representing the optimal venue for hockey at the 2032 Games. As a legacy asset and an existing community facility previously used for the 2018 Commonwealth Games, the GCHC requires limited upgrades to achieve international certification and meet the required broadcast standards. With an Athletes’ Village already slated for construction at Robina, this approach will ensure the Hockey athletes’ experience, including village life, remains comparable with the Brisbane hub thereby preserving the essence of the Olympic experience. Finally, throughout the 2018 Commonwealth Games, the GCHC venue demonstrated it can and does present Hockey in a visually and aesthetically engaging way to elevate the sport’s profile globally during the Olympics.

As identified by the Gold Coast City Council (GCCC), the site would require an additional synthetic turf pitch to ensure the GCHC is an international standard venue with world-class legacy infrastructure. Importantly, the GCCC has committed to funding any required upgrades on a 50/50 basis – thereby significantly reducing the over funding envelope.

The GCHC option ensures cost-effective, sustainable delivery and unlocks opportunities for pre-Games events, such as Hockey World Cups and Junior World Cups, maximising the venue’s immediate legacy potential.

¹ “International Olympic Committee - IF Questionnaire, Olympic Games 2032”, FIH and HA submission, April 2021, p.4.

Finally, HQ and HA offer support for the development and implementation of a *Queensland International Sports Event Strategy* which will see the State capitalise on its significant potential in the lead up to the Games. Within the Hockey Community, National and International events have consistently shown a Return on Investment (ROI) of at least 20:1.

Introduction and Background to 2032 Hockey Venue Infrastructure Needs

HQ and HA commend the inclusion of considerations for new, upgraded, and temporary venues in the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the 100-day Review.

The Terms of Reference for the 60-day Review of the *Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Venue Master Plan* (Games Venue Master Plan)², specifically excluded consideration of temporary venues as listed in the Games Venue Master Plan.

HQ and HA consider that the exclusion of temporary venues from the TOR for the 60-day Review was a significant failure to properly address the legacy facility requirements for hockey (as well as other sports) and a misapplication of the ‘New Norm’ principles as espoused by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

The IOC specifically identifies the value delivered through the ‘New Norms’ as “increased flexibility, partnership, efficiency and sustainability, with a corresponding reduction in delivery costs, complexity, risk and waste”.³

The temporary hockey pitches at Ballymore, as identified in the current Games Venue Master Plan, have significant constraints, and do not meet the objectives of the IOC’s ‘New Norms’. The temporary approach is expensive and unsustainable; leaves no legacy for the community; and fails to address Brisbane’s acute facility deficit and resultant constraints.

Despite the constraints of the Ballymore precinct being identified in the IOC’s “Olympic Games 2032 Questionnaire”⁴ submitted in 2021, including field orientation issues and the lack of adjacent warm-up pitch facilities, there has been **NO** subsequent site planning to address these challenges. Subsequently, the 2022 floods at Ballymore and Downey Park further underscore the environmental and operational risks of this site, with current residents, as well as the Brisbane Women’s Hockey Association unable to secure insurance for their facilities since the flooding.

The 100-day Review TORs include the ability for submissions to include “completed to date, including existing project plans, business cases, Project Validation Reports (PVRs), cost assessments, gateway reviews and other relevant project documentation”⁵. The FIH was initially consulted during Brisbane’s bid process and sought input from HA’s CEO at the time. However,

² Undertaken between January and March 2023, with the final report of the 60-day Review being delivered on 18 March 2023.

³ See IOC website at: <https://olympics.com/ioc/new-norm>.

⁴ “*International Olympic Committee - IF Questionnaire, Olympic Games 2032*”, FIH and HA submission, April 2021.

⁵ “100-day Review of Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure - Terms of Reference”, Queensland Government, p.3.

HQ was not directly engaged in this process. FIH's feedback acknowledged that Ballymore was technically feasible, but flagged several significant constraints, including pitch orientation issues, a lack of detailed venue plans, and questions about long-term usage beyond the Games. The feedback FIH provided also strongly outlined the need for a permanent legacy.

Since the initial 2021 survey, to the best of HQ and HA's knowledge, none of the required documentation, such as a Project Validation Report (PVR), or environmental reviews has been completed, leaving significant uncertainty about the site's ability to meet the operational and legacy requirements for Olympic hockey.

Given these concerns, HQ and HA have independently conducted a **Major Infrastructure Feasibility Study** (attached) to identify a suitable legacy venue for hockey in Queensland. The Study highlighted significant gaps in event infrastructure and synthetic playing surfaces in Brisbane, with a shortfall of 6-7 pitches even before considering the Games' requirements.

To realise the full potential of Brisbane 2032's generational opportunities, Queensland must invest in sustainable, permanent infrastructure that serves both high-performance athletes and grassroots participation. The Ballymore temporary pitch option:

- ✗ **Provides no legacy** for hockey in Queensland, as its use is limited to the 14 days of the Olympics.
- ✗ **Is costlier** than building a new synthetic pitch, with estimates indicating an additional \$1M–\$1.5M in costs for the temporary solution (not including the cost of returning Ballymore to a rugby pitch).and
- ✗ **Fails to deliver a sustainable legacy**, leaving Queensland without a suitable venue to support hockey's future participation and high-performance pathways. As a result, the current Games Venue Master Plan offers **no legacy or generational outcomes** for hockey.

In our joint submission to the 60-day Review, HQ and HA outlined several significant deficiencies in the existing venue plan. Notably, Brisbane—as a newly designated Olympic city—lacks any facilities capable of hosting international hockey tournaments. There has not been a FIH-sanctioned match in Brisbane since 1999, and while regional centres have better facilities, **none** meet the FIH's international event standards.

In summary, the use of temporary pitches at Ballymore without attached legacy plans:

- Is **more expensive**.
- Is **environmentally unsustainable**.
- Leaves the **Brisbane and Queensland hockey communities** without a venue that meets international standards both before and after the Games.
- Fails to address existing **infrastructure shortfalls** in Brisbane.
- **Jeopardises Queensland's future** ability to host high-profile national and international events.

Consultation and Engagement

While FIH and HA were consulted in the preliminary stages of planning (2021), there has been no follow-up consultation with HQ or HA, even as constraints with the Ballymore precinct, such as environmental impact, insurance concerns following the 2022 flooding and legacy gaps have persisted. This lack of collaboration has hindered the development of sustainable, long-term solutions for Hockey infrastructure in Queensland.

Despite this, HQ and HA have worked diligently to educate and engage decision-makers, ensuring that Hockey's requirements are properly considered and integrated into the broader Games planning process.

This submission builds on a foundation of thorough consultation, feasibility studies, and proactive advocacy efforts, ensuring the sport's infrastructure requirements are well-documented and strategically aligned with Brisbane 2032.

Key milestones in these processes include:

- **Major Infrastructure Feasibility Study:** Commissioned jointly by HQ and HA, this 2024 study identified significant gaps in event infrastructure and artificial playing surfaces in Brisbane, with a shortfall of 6–7 synthetic pitches evident even before considering the Games' needs.
- **60-Day Review Submission:** HQ's comprehensive submission to the Queensland Government's 60-Day Review outlined the sport's need for event facilities and permanent legacy infrastructure to support hockey's growth across the State.
- **2024 Queensland State Election Brief:** Advocacy efforts in support of the election brief highlighted the critical investment required to address hockey's infrastructure needs, including securing a sustainable event and participation legacy for the sport throughout Queensland.

HQ and HA have consulted extensively with local governments, facility operators, state and national hockey stakeholders, and members of the broader hockey community. These actions ensured that our recommendations were informed by practical, achievable goals that align with Brisbane 2032's legacy aspirations.

Looking Forward to 2032 and beyond

When referring to a permanent Hockey Legacy, HQ and HA have three complimentary requirements:

1. a **Community facility** that supports local, grassroots hockey.
2. an **Event Centre** that can host state, national and international hockey matches; and
3. a **High-Performance Centre** that supports world-class athlete development, leading to selection in Australia's national teams (Hockeyroos and Kookaburras).

There is a direct correlation between the quality of facilities, the growth of participation in the sport and the pathway to elite and Olympic performance – hence, the focus on these three requirements.

The reality is that Brisbane 2032's success as a Home Games will largely depend upon the success of the Australian Olympic Team. We cannot continue to produce world-class athletes without world-standard facilities. In the same way, we cannot host international events without world-class facilities. Without international-standard facilities for Olympic sports in Queensland, there is no 'Green and Gold Runway'.

In this context, it should also be noted that Queensland's lack of international-standard facilities means that Queensland does not receive any beneficial economic returns from hosting these events, which are routinely hosted in other Australian states and territories with superior facilities. As stated, many of these events have a beneficial ROI of more than 20:1.

Since Brisbane was awarded the 2032 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games on 21 July 2021, there has been much discussion about legacy. HQ and HA wish to highlight that legacy is not something for which we should wait. **Legacy starts now.** Any delay in targeting legacy outcomes ensures that the beneficial economic, community and sporting development opportunities of the critical pre-2032 phase will be lost completely.

One of the best examples we can provide is the Sydney Olympic Park Hockey Centre at Homebush in Sydney. Twenty-four years after the Sydney Olympics, this facility is still being used by the next generation of players through grassroots matches, national champions, and the FIH Pro League, which will again be played at the venue in February 2025. It is a prime example of an Olympic legacy facility that endures.

The legacy we seek develops the whole sport, not just the elite, from juniors to Masters participants throughout Queensland.

Options Analysis – Hockey Venue for the 2032 Games

One of the requests made of sport representative bodies such as HQ and HA, was to provide submissions on the preferred venue to host their sport at the 2032 Games. In considering the 2032 Hockey preferred venue, our recommendations have been informed by:

- the guiding principles of the 100-day infrastructure review.
- findings from HQ's comprehensive *Major Infrastructure Feasibility Study*; and
- insights gained from HQ's and HA's advocacy efforts, including the sports' submission to the 60-Day Review submission and HQ/HA 2024 Queensland State Election Brief.

Five options were identified by HQ and HA as being suitable venues for Hockey at the 2032 Games:

1. Brisbane (temporary games venue, supported by upgraded infrastructure).
2. Brisbane (new Hockey infrastructure).
3. Gold Coast (existing GCHC + upgrades).
4. Sunshine Coast (existing Sunshine Coast Hockey Centre + upgrades; and

5. Toowoomba (existing Toowoomba Hockey Centre + upgrades).

While our long-term priority remains to secure a permanent Brisbane-based Hockey legacy, it is acknowledged that current Government funding and infrastructure constraints may make this outcome challenging by 2032.

The facilities at the Sunshine Coast and Toowoomba face similar challenges along with potential transport limitations.

HQ and HA have, therefore, determined that the Gold Coast aligns most effectively with the TOR and offers an existing facility that can deliver cost-effective event readiness with minor upgrades. (Please refer to Appendix A for the detailed **Assessment of Each Location x Criteria.**)

Critically, these upgrades will restore the venue to international certification. The upgrades will also unlock opportunities to host major events such as:

- FIH Men's and Women's World Cups.
- FIH Junior World Cups.
- Masters World Cups.
- International tournaments such as the FIH Pro League (<https://www.fih.hockey/events/fih-pro-league>).
- Junior National Championships (requiring three pitches).
- Hockey One, Blaze Home Games and Finals weekend (requires high-end broadcasting capability); and
- National and International training camps (the centre can be promoted as the High-Performance hockey destination in Queensland).

In addition, upgrading the GCHC aligns with the GCCC's *2032 Legacy Framework*, providing an event-ready training venue for national and international hockey teams and squads. This approach allows legacy outcomes to begin ahead of the Games.

GCHC – Alignment to the 100-Day Review Terms of Reference

1. Maximise Use of Existing Venues

The Gold Coast provides an internationally recognised existing venue that was successfully used for major events, such as the 2018 Commonwealth Games. With upgrades to restore international certification and broadcast capability, this venue delivers a cost-effective and sustainable solution that avoids the need for large-scale new construction.

These upgrades immediately position the venue to host major international competitions, including FIH World Cups, FIH Junior World Cups, and other high-profile events, capitalising on Queensland's elevated global profile in the lead-up to Brisbane 2032.

2. Value Within the Agreed Funding Envelope

The upgrades required for the Gold Coast hockey venue are estimated to cost between \$6 million and \$10 million, making this option highly viable and within the \$7.1 billion funding envelope.

Financial commitments from the GCCC also reinforce this proposal's cost-effectiveness, ensuring alignment with fiscal constraints, while delivering enhanced community and international value.

In this context, during the course of HQ's and HA's ongoing engagements with the GCCC, Mayor Tate's office confirmed in writing that the city, in its submission to the 100-day review, would offer the Queensland Government a joint funding contribution for the capital upgrades required to make the GCHC an international standard venue and that this offer could be referenced in the HQ/HA submission (which we have now done).

3. Legacy-Focused

The Gold Coast's standing as a global holiday and sporting destination and its integrated precinct infrastructure offers unrivalled opportunities to establish a tangible and lasting legacy for hockey. The venue would not only benefit local communities and sports participation, but also deliver significant long-term economic and cultural benefits, including:

- attracting international hockey events.
- hosting international team training camps.
- generating new tourism through international spectators; and
- showcasing the Gold Coast and Queensland to national and international broadcast audiences.

4. Leveraging Investment

By upgrading the Gold Coast venue to international standards, the facility will become a premier community and major event asset that can deliver immediate pre-Games activations and long-term legacy outcomes.

Legacy outcomes would begin well before Brisbane 2032 through a calendar of international and national events, providing measurable economic returns to Queensland. For example:

- Hosting the FIH Hockey World Cup is estimated to deliver an economic impact of \$37 million⁶ through inbound visitation, ticket sales, and media coverage. The event attracts 15,000 international and interstate visitors and commands a global broadcast audience of 1.83 billion impressions across 198 markets.
- The Hockey One Finals Series, which draws 300+ athletes, coaches, officials, and staff, generates a direct economic impact of \$816,000–\$897,000⁷ for the host region. This includes spending on accommodation, food and beverage, and retail by travelling officials, athletes, and spectators from across Australia.
- Additional events, including the Junior World Cup, Masters World Cup, and national championships, would provide economic and community benefits, particularly for Queensland's visitor economy and local businesses.

Through these activations, the GCHC would establish itself as a high-performance hub and international showcase venue, reaping the benefits of sports tourism, while enhancing Queensland's global profile as a sporting destination.

⁶ World Cup hosting economic modelling completed by Hockey Australia.

⁷ Economic modelling on final series provided by Hockey One League.

By expanding the footprint of the Gold Coast precinct, the venue will elevate its ability to host hockey, while delivering a world-class fan experience. This includes visually enhancing the presentation of hockey to showcase it as a dynamic, engaging sport, both in-person and via global broadcast. The site's upgrades will position it as a key hub for high-performance hockey, with facilities designed to meet both Olympic requirements and future international events, such as the World Cup and Junior World Cup.

We note the sport's absolute popularity, with over 63.7 million combined minutes of watching hockey in Australia for the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.⁸

5. Integrated Planning

The Gold Coast venue seamlessly integrates with established transport hubs, athlete villages accommodation networks, and the broader master plan framework for the Games.

HQ and HA's extensive engagement with the GCCC and other stakeholders confirm the logistical ease of activating this venue at both community and international levels, ensuring alignment with holistic planning for Brisbane 2032.

6. Benefits for Rural and Regional Queensland

While this Part 1 submission primarily focuses on determining the preferred and optimal Olympic hockey competition venue for Brisbane 2032, it complements HQ's and HA's commitment to expanding the sport's footprint across rural and regional Queensland.

The forthcoming stage 2 submission will address the following issues:

- investment in Brisbane and regional synthetic pitch development to address participation growth.
- utilising regional centres for Games lead-up events and training hubs; and
- national programs designed to enhance grassroots hockey participation state-wide.

Strategic Priorities

HQ and HA are committed to delivering a strong, three-pronged approach addressing the immediate needs of the 2032 Games and securing long-term legacy outcomes for hockey across Queensland.

1. Preferred Brisbane Legacy Venue (Long-Term)

A permanent Brisbane-based hockey facility remains our ultimate objective to address the significant under-resourcing of event infrastructure and synthetic playing surfaces in the State's capital. However, if a temporary solution is implemented, it must include upgrades for Brisbane's high-performance hockey infrastructure and address the deficit of synthetic pitches for community use.

⁸ Viewership provided by AOC through broadcaster Channel 9.

HQ and HA will continue working closely with the Brisbane City Council (BCC) and the Queensland Government to ensure post-Games investments in Brisbane secure this vital legacy.

2. Gold Coast as the Most Viable 2032 Games Option

The Gold Coast represents the optimal venue for the Games.

As a legacy asset and an existing community facility previously used for the 2018 Commonwealth Games, the GCHC requires limited upgrades to achieve international certification and required broadcast standards. As identified by the GCCC, the site would require an additional synthetic turf pitch to ensure the GCHC is an international standard venue with world-class legacy infrastructure.

In addition, the current Master Plan includes Robina on the Gold Coast as a designated athlete village housing 2,600 athletes and officials.

For the Gold Coast to be a successful host venue, we believe integration between the competition venue and village is critical to ensuring the athlete experience aligns with the standards expected of Olympic host cities.

This option ensures cost-effective, sustainable delivery and unlocks opportunities for pre-Games events, such as Hockey World Cups and Junior World Cups, maximising the venue's immediate legacy potential.

3. Generational Legacy Submission – Part 2 (February 2025)

HQ and HA are committed to advocating for a broader generational legacy for the sport beyond Brisbane 2032. This second stage of our submission to the 100-day Review will focus on statewide infrastructure priorities, including:

- expansion of synthetic pitch networks in regional areas experiencing high demand, including but not limited to Moreton Bay, Toowoomba, the Sunshine Coast, Townsville, and Cairns; and
- ensuring Queensland becomes a hub for world-class hockey events and grassroots participation opportunities.

International Sports Event Strategy

In noting the guiding principles relating to leveraging investment and delivering permanent legacy-focused infrastructure investments, as well as benefits to rural and regional Queensland, HQ and HA highlight the opportunities that the development and implementation of an international-focused Sports Event Strategy would unlock.

Brisbane 2032 will be one of the biggest sporting events in the world and can, as such, deliver benefits on a much broader scale than events associated with domestic sporting codes. Olympic

and Paralympic sports are international, providing Queensland with a global shopfront to showcase itself to the world.

It should also be noted that Hockey is a **top 10 global participation sport**, providing Queensland with the opportunity to broadcast into the homes of potential international visitors.

Accordingly, to fully leverage the opportunities presented by Brisbane 2032, HQ and HA recommend that Tourism and Events Queensland (TEQ) develop a comprehensive **International Sports Event Strategy** to secure international sporting events as revenue generators for Queensland ahead of the Games as a clearly defined pre-legacy benefit. Such a strategy would position Queensland as a global hub for sports tourism, enabling the State to attract and deliver world-class international sporting events across a range of disciplines, including hockey.

Brisbane 2032 provides an international spotlight, creating a unique eight-year window to capitalise on Queensland's elevated profile with global sporting federations and event organisers. International events represent significant opportunities for Queensland to drive visitation, enhance its brand as a destination and create economic benefits across the State.

An aggressive forward-thinking strategy, with matching funding support, would enable Queensland to secure major events such as the FIH World Cup, the Junior FIH World Cup, FIH Pro League and other international tournaments as significant events on the 'Green and Gold runway' ahead of Brisbane 2032.

HA is confident that these events could be secured if the requisite facility assets and event funding support were available.

Queensland's seasoned capability in hosting events, coupled with world-class venues, would provide TEQ with an enhanced platform to develop a strategy that:

- aligns with broader tourism and economic development goals.
- explores collaborative partnerships with national sporting organisations and international federations; and
- prioritises regional engagement to ensure benefits extend beyond metropolitan areas to rural and regional Queensland.

All these suggested benefits from event activations can be delivered as of now. We should not wait until 2032 to start promoting Queensland.

By investing in an **International Sporting Event Strategy**, the Queensland Government would provide TEQ with an enhanced capacity to unlock Queensland's full potential as a sports tourism leader. This would drive economic, cultural, and community benefits for years to come while strengthening the enduring legacy of Brisbane 2032.

Conclusion

HQ and HA are proud to support Brisbane 2032's vision. This submission reinforces our joint commitment to ensuring hockey's inclusion contributes to the success of the Games, while delivering lasting benefits for the sport and the broader Queensland community.

The Gold Coast venue emerges as the most viable option under the Review's "Guiding Principles". It offers an event-ready solution with minimal upgrades required to achieve international certification. These upgrades enable immediate legacy activation, with the potential to host high-profile competitions such as Hockey World Cups, Junior World Cups, and other international and national events in the lead-up to and beyond the Games.

At the same time, HQ and HA remain committed to securing a long-term Brisbane-based legacy for the sport through continued engagement with the Queensland Government and key stakeholders. A permanent Brisbane-based hockey facility remains our ultimate objective to address the significant under-resourcing of event infrastructure and synthetic playing surfaces in the State's capital. If the constraints of the Ballymore proposal can be addressed and a temporary solution is implemented, it must include upgrades for Brisbane's high-performance hockey infrastructure and address the deficit of synthetic pitches for community use.

As stated, Part 2 of our submission will address generational legacy and outline critical investments needed to address statewide infrastructure gaps, foster hockey's growth across Queensland and ensure the sport continues to thrive for generations to come.

Finally, HQ and HA offer support for the development and implementation of a ***Queensland International Sports Event Strategy*** which will see the State capitalise on its significant potential in the lead up to the Games.

HQ and HA thank the Review Panel for the opportunity to submit this submission and reaffirm our dedication to delivering outcomes that benefit our sport, our communities, and Brisbane 2032's success. We welcome the opportunity to meet with the Review Panel to further discuss this submission. This conversation would help the Panel better understand the positive impact and long-term benefits Hockey can bring to Queensland. We look forward to working together to realise these shared goals.

Again, should the Review Panel have any queries or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact HQ CEO, Alison Lyons
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Appendix A – Assessment of potential 2032 Games Hockey Venues X Criteria

| | Brisbane – Temporary Pitch + Legacy Facility | Brisbane – New Venue | Gold Coast | Sunshine Coast | Toowoomba |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Brisbane Olympics Venue – 100-day review Guiding Principles | | | | | |
| 1. Maximise the use of existing venues | Venue would be temporary not maximising exiting venue | No current site with the potential to be upgraded; availability of new sites uncertain (e.g. Boondall / Moreton Bay) | Already existing community venue that requires the least amount of funding, effort, and time to be upgraded to an Olympic/International venue | Existing community venue with one turf, second turf being considered currently | Existing community venue with two turfs, strong local political support to upgrade existing turfs, inclusion of a third turf and adding grandstand and seating requirements |
| 2. Value within the agreed funding envelope | Unlikely with the requirement of legacy infrastructure to also be delivered | New venue investment as per feasibility study \$47m+ unrealistic in the current economic climate Attractive for private investor involvement | It requires the least investment and aligns with the guiding principle of cost-effective and efficient venue selection. | Would require additional investment to the current facility (~\$3-5M) | It would require some significant additional investment in the current facility. |
| 3. Leveraging investment | Games village and other games experiences are | Attractive destination and location and viability | Attractive destination and location and viability for the village | Possible third village option, transport | Difficulties with transport infrastructure and no |

| | Brisbane – Temporary Pitch + Legacy Facility | Brisbane – New Venue | Gold Coast | Sunshine Coast | Toowoomba |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | available. Transport around Brisbane possible but new transport options would be required for games at Ballymore | for village and transport in the heart of Olympic host city | as already in plans (Robina) | infrastructure difficult | plans for the Olympic Village. Possible fast train connection to be built to Brisbane |
| 4. Legacy-focused | Contributions to High Performance upgrades to the State Hockey Centre and additional community pitches | Highest need for permanent, new physical infrastructure based on under-resourced community hockey (see feasibility study - current shortfall of 6-7 artificial surfaces) | Well-placed for event activations and financial council support for International, National and State events. | Desired viable outcomes for the community able to achieve without being the Olympic venue (second turf) | Desired viable outcomes for the community able to achieve without being the Olympic venue (turf upgrades, third turf, grandstand) |
| 5. Integrated Planning | Currently the plan to be integrated, however no assessment /PVR on the site | If Brisbane is the preferred option, there is an increased risk of a drop-in pitch solution from the | Gold Coast has already considered a fall-back option by IOC for the initial master plan. | Sunshine Coast hosts other events. However, it is not considered a hub as | Only one other sport (equestrian) is available at the location, which makes access more |

| | Brisbane – Temporary Pitch + Legacy Facility | Brisbane – New Venue | Gold Coast | Sunshine Coast | Toowoomba |
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| | has been completed and uncertainty around transport infrastructure. | initial master plan that does not provide any positive legacy outcomes unless agreement on new legacy | | much as GC and BNE. | difficult for Olympic tourists. |
| 6. Benefits for rural and regional Queensland | Focus for Hockey’s second submission on generational legacy and rural and regional impact, including activations such as lead-up events, training facilities, etc. | | | | |
| Other Factors Considered | | | | | |
| 7. Ability to attract international tournaments | None with a temporary solution | The well-known capital city and the 2032 Olympics have elevated Brisbane’s profile. The establishment of a legacy training facility will assist. | It is a high-profile international holiday destination that is well-known globally. | Lower profile area on the international stage. | Lowest profile destination among the viable options. |

Appendix B – Queensland Government Guiding Principles⁹

The review will adhere to the following principles:

- **Maximise use of existing venues:** The review will prioritise the utilisation of existing venues and infrastructure to minimise new construction, thereby enhancing cost-efficiency and promoting sustainability.
- **Value within the agreed funding envelope:** Venue infrastructure investments will be assessed for viability and value for money, ensuring delivery models and opportunities for private sector investment are considered to enable delivery within the \$7.1 billion funding envelope agreed between the State and Australian governments. Funding for transport infrastructure, precincts and villages is not part of the \$7.1 billion funding envelope but should also be assessed by these principles.
- **Leveraging investment:** The review will consider opportunities to leverage transport, venue, and village investment to provide the widest public benefit to the community. It will note that well-designed precincts can create economic, cultural, and environmental value, attract public and private co-investment, and increase the use of shared space.
- **Legacy-focused:** Permanent infrastructure investments must provide lasting community and economic benefits beyond the Games.
- **Integrated Planning:** The review will conduct all infrastructure assessments within a master plan framework, considering how venues, transport, and villages interconnect to avoid isolated decision-making.
- **Benefits for rural and regional Queensland:** The review will seek to ensure infrastructure investments deliver benefits for rural and regional Queensland.

⁹ “100-day Review of Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure - Terms of Reference”, Queensland Government. P.2.



18 February 2025

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Games Independent Infrastructure and Coordination Authority
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Dear Mr Hourigan,

Re: Submission from Hockey to the 100-Day Review of Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure – Part 2

Hockey Queensland (HQ) and Hockey Australia (HA) welcome the opportunity to submit Part 2 of our response to the Queensland Government's Terms of Reference (TOR) for the 100-Day Review of Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure (the 100-Day Review).

This submission, jointly prepared by HQ and HA, builds upon Part 1, which focused on securing a dedicated Olympic hockey venue for Brisbane 2032. In Part 2, we expand our focus beyond the competition venue to ensure that Brisbane 2032 delivers a generational hockey legacy across Queensland.

Part 2 of this submission directly responds to the broader objectives of the 100-Day Review, ensuring that Brisbane 2032 maximises economic, sporting, and social benefits across the state. Specifically, this proposal details:

- The role of regional Queensland as a hub for pre-Games international team training camps.
- Critical infrastructure investments to enhance Queensland's capacity for national and state hockey events, generating substantial economic returns for host communities.
- Facility improvements that will strengthen grassroots participation and high-performance pathways, ensuring Queensland continues to produce world-class hockey talent.

With thoughtful investment, Brisbane 2032 can deliver a legacy that extends far beyond the Olympic tournament itself. By upgrading key facilities and establishing regional training hubs, Queensland will position itself as Australia's premier location for elite hockey preparation while providing lasting benefits to community sport and the broader economy.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit this plan. Should the Panel require any additional information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact HQ CEO, Alison Lyons
or HA CEO, David Pryles

Regards,

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Part 2 of HQ/HA's submission to the 100-day Review

Executive Summary

Hockey Queensland (HQ) and Hockey Australia (HA) (collectively, Hockey) are committed to ensuring that 2032 Brisbane Olympic and Paralympic Games (Brisbane 2032) leaves a lasting legacy for hockey across Queensland.

This submission, which is Part 2 of HQ and HA's submission to the **100-day Review of Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Infrastructure** (the 100-day Review), expands beyond the immediate Brisbane 2032 competition venue considerations addressed in Part 1 and focuses on securing statewide infrastructure investments that drive participation, high-performance development, and economic activation throughout regional and rural Queensland.

Hockey also notes that the significant role sports can play in addressing issues such as youth crime, youth mental health (especially in the regions) and the increasing costs in administering an overburdened health care system. Disappointingly, since the Olympic and Paralympic Games were awarded to Brisbane on 21 July 2021, there has been very little public policy discussion as to how the Brisbane 2032 can contribute positively to the delivery of solutions for these seemingly intractable challenges.

Hockey calls upon the Review Panel and the Queensland Government to recognise the broader, positive role that Olympic and Paralympic sports can and should play in addressing these public policy challenges.

Harnessing the power of sport to provide solutions for systemic childhood obesity, declining youth mental health and as a major lever in the provision of preventative health initiatives must be part of the generational opportunities driven by Brisbane 2032. Hockey stands ready to play its part.

Brisbane 2032 is an unprecedented opportunity to uplift Queensland's hockey infrastructure and ensure that facilities across metropolitan, regional, and rural communities are modern, accessible and games ready. This submission highlights critical infrastructure priorities to:

- boost participation by addressing turf shortages and outdated facilities;
- support athlete pathways for Queensland's 200 identified players preparing for Olympic selection;
- maximise event hosting opportunities, enhancing Queensland's ability to attract international teams, national championships, and economic benefits; and
- position Queensland as a pre-Games event and training hub, leveraging Brisbane 2032 to activate tourism and community engagement across the state.

Hockey has a deep-rooted legacy in Queensland, producing 70 Olympians, 41 men and 29 women¹ with a total of 190 national representatives, while delivering vital community programs that engage more than 65,000 participants across the state. The infrastructure investments proposed in this

¹ <https://www.hockeyqld.com.au/about/olympians/>



submission will ensure that hockey's role in Brisbane 2032 extends well beyond the two weeks of competition, serving as a foundation for sustained economic, social, and sporting development.

Key Priorities

1. Leveraging Queensland for Pre-Games Training and Event Activation

- Upgrading regional venues to meet international training camp standards.
- Enhancing state and national championship hosting capability to generate economic benefits.
- Creating accessible, high-performance environments to support regional elite athletes.
- The urgent development and funding of an **International Sports Event Strategy** enabling Hockey to partner with relevant Local and Queensland Government agencies in securing a pipeline of national and international hockey events.

2. Growth Through Statewide Facility Upgrades

- Delivering flood-resilient surfaces, additional turfs and upgraded lighting across key regional hubs.
- Expanding high-performance pathways to ensure equal access for regional athletes.
- Strengthening community-first, multi-sport hubs to maximise local participation benefits.

Alignment with the 100-Day Review's Terms of Reference

These proposed infrastructure upgrades align with the broader scope of the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the 100-Day Review by ensuring:

- **Sustained Economic Impact** through international team training camps, event tourism, and hospitality sector growth.
- **Long-Term Participation Growth**, addressing facility constraints and engaging rural and metropolitan communities.
- **Community Engagement**, enabling all regions to share in the benefits of Brisbane 2032 through upgraded, multi-purpose venues.

Call to Action

Hockey urges the Queensland Government and Games Independent Infrastructure and Coordination Authority to prioritise investment in the identified facility upgrades. The projects outlined in this submission are essential to delivering on Brisbane 2032's commitment to state-wide legacy benefits, particularly for regional communities.

Hockey stands ready to partner with Local, State, and Federal Governments to bring these projects to life, ensuring that Brisbane 2032 is remembered not just as an event, but as a transformative opportunity for hockey's future in Queensland.



Introduction

In January 2025, Hockey submitted Part 1 of its submission to the 100-day Review, addressing the urgent and critical task of confirming a competition venue for Brisbane 2032.

Part 1 focused on securing the Gold Coast Hockey Centre (GCHC) as the optimal location, ensuring the Games' immediate needs were met, while delivering world-class infrastructure with minimal upgrades. In addition, our Part 1 submission called for the urgent development and funding of an **International Sports Event Strategy** to leverage and deliver permanent legacy-focused infrastructure investments.

We note that many of the sport tourism opportunities we have identified in this submission are also the focus of attention in the Queensland Government's ***Destination 2045: Queensland's Tourism Future*** Discussion Paper.

Hockey has contributed to the consultation process for Destination 2045 highlighting the need for urgent investment in facility infrastructure in order to deliver the benefits of sports tourism opportunities that exist as from now through to and beyond Brisbane 2032.

In accordance with the broader scope of the Terms of Reference (TOR), Part 2 of our submission expands beyond the Games themselves, placing a sharp focus across Queensland to ensure Brisbane 2032 creates a generational legacy for hockey across the state.

Part 2 responds directly to the broader objectives of the 100-Day Review's TOR, outlining the key facility upgrades required to:

- **Boost local, regional, and state participation** through modern, accessible infrastructure facilities for all members of the community (from youth to senior).
- **Enhance player development pathways**, supporting over 200 identified athletes in contention for selection in 2032.
- **Maximise opportunities for event hosting**, leveraging tournaments that generate economic benefits for local communities.
- **Strengthen Queensland as a destination for international team pre-Games training camps**, ensuring Brisbane 2032 delivers regional economic and sporting activation on a global scale.

With more than 16,000 playing members in Queensland and 90,000 nationally, Hockey is one of Australia's most inclusive and widely played sports. We have 24 local Associations across Queensland, with participation equally split between men and women (58% female, 41% male and 1% other) and players ranging in age from 5 to 85. 4% of Queensland members identify as Indigenous, 8% come from multicultural backgrounds and 2% have a disability.² These participants are playing in grassroots programs spanning all communities from the Far North to the Southeast. Additionally, hockey's existing legacy throughout Queensland is significant. As one of Australia's most successful Olympic

² RevolutioniseSport Data Base – 2024 Data



sports, hockey has produced 70 Olympians and 190 national representatives from Queensland, serving as a vital contributor to the Hockeyroos' and Kookaburras' international success.

If any meaningful legacy is to be delivered in the lead up to Brisbane 2032, critical infrastructure needs must be addressed. Many hockey clubs and Associations lack the quality facilities required to host international teams for training camps, national championships, or state events. Across Queensland there are ageing facilities, over-capacity pitches and locations at risk from environmental challenges. This proposal highlights opportunities to address these deficits, positioning Brisbane 2032 not just as a major singular event milestone, but as a catalyst for sustainable statewide economic, social, and sporting development.

This proposed infrastructure plan is grounded in established successes that highlight the transformative benefits of upgrading facilities and attracting global teams to Queensland, including:

- Toowoomba, which welcomed England and the Netherlands for international matches in 1999 and 2003; and
- Sunshine Coast, which hosted the Scotland National Hockey Team during their Commonwealth Games campaign in 2018.

International teams increasingly seek to acclimatise in Australia well ahead of significant competitions. For example, the Dutch National Hockey Team chose Cronulla (NSW) for a two-week training camp ahead of this year's FIH Pro League matches in Sydney. With targeted investment, Queensland's regional hubs can position themselves to host such teams in the years leading to 2032, stimulating both local economies and community engagement.

Beyond training camps, regional upgrades will also cement Queensland's reputation as a strong host of national and state championships. These events consistently generate significant economic, social, and cultural benefits for regional towns, while providing vital pathways for athlete development. By better activating facilities in these hubs, Brisbane 2032's legacy can be woven directly into the economic and social fabric of regional Queensland.

This Part 2 submission integrates several resources to inform decision-making and highlight hockey's readiness to contribute to Brisbane 2032's objectives and beyond. Included materials are:

- [The Major Infrastructure Feasibility Study](#), which has highlighted the shortage of pitches in key hockey communities of Brisbane, The Sunshine Coast and Toowoomba.
- **The Talent Pipeline from across Queensland**, showcasing the state's distributed elite-player development network. The Pipeline recognises current National Squad Members to those that are potentials for 2032 and beyond. Appendix 1.
- **A forward event timeline**, detailing the opportunities for metropolitan and regional Queensland communities to capitalise on the state, national and international hockey events opportunities leading up to and beyond Brisbane 2032. Appendix 2.
- **An analysis of the infrastructure needs across the state to individual comprehensive plans for 14 hockey**, ensuring equitable and inclusive benefits to all regions. Appendix 4.



By submitting this plan, Hockey aims to address the full spectrum of hockey participation, from grassroots expansion to elite athlete performance. This proposal prioritises geographic and demographic diversity, connecting remote towns, growing female participation and ensuring multi-generational engagement from juniors to masters.

These projects will not only provide world-class facilities for athletes and communities, but also drive sustained economic benefits through event hosting, tourism and local engagement. By making these investments now, Queensland will ensure that Brisbane 2032 is remembered not as a singular moment, but as the beginning of a movement that secures hockey's future for generations to come.

Key Priorities

Hockey's infrastructure plan identifies two primary priority areas designed to deliver a cohesive strategy for Brisbane 2032's generational legacy.

1. Leveraging Queensland for Pre-Games Training and Event Activation

The infrastructure needs of regional Queensland are central to this submission. Hockey facilities across the state require substantial upgrades to serve as training or preparation hubs for visiting international teams, as well as event-ready venues for national and state championships. These facilities will play a dual role: supporting regional athletes, as well as driving economic activation through event tourism, hospitality and engagement.

Key regional contributions include:

- **International Team Hosting**

Queensland hockey Associations have a history of welcoming international teams to their communities and hosting international hockey, such examples are but not limited to:

- 2003: 3 matches v Holland - 19/2 Brisbane, 21/2 Ipswich, 23/2 Toowoomba;
- 2004: 3 matches v New Zealand in Cairns - 13/7, 15/7 and 17/7;
- 2006: 2 matches v Korea in Rockhampton - 16/8 and 18/8;
- 2007: 3 matches in Brisbane in Oceania Cup: PNG 11/9, v NZ 14/9 and v NZ 16/9; and
- 2008: 3 matches v Korea in Cairns - 19/7, 21/7, 23/7.

Regional hockey Associations are well-placed to support visiting National Olympic Committees (NOCs) for pre-Games training camps. These upgrades will ensure all regions are equipped to meet the training needs of athletes and their high-performance requirements, while offering opportunities for local engagement with international teams.

Queensland has more than 200 identified players in the talent pipeline stretching from Cairns to the Border. HQ has invested in providing our future national players with competitive international experiences with two tours to Malaysia and one tour to New Zealand in the past two years.



Hockey wants to be able to offer these kinds of opportunities for other Junior developing teams from other Nations as well. As recently as February 2025, the HQ Under 18 Academy Team played practice matches against Japan's U18 team in Brisbane. These are examples of opportunities that could be placed across the state, in addition to the national team training camps if Queensland had the facilities of the required standard supported by a complimentary **International Sports Event Strategy** to leverage off.

- **State and National Event Hosting**

While the Gold Coast will be central to Brisbane 2032's international hockey competitions, facilities across Queensland are critical for hosting state and national championships. These events bring substantial economic benefits to host towns and develop grassroots hockey participation. Associations such as Toowoomba and Cairns have long histories of hosting successful competitions and can significantly benefit from upgraded infrastructure.

HQ has calculated that Junior State Championships provide a direct economic spend into a region of \$1.2M, with Masters events delivering \$2.9M. Furthermore, Junior State Championships can provide a return on investment (ROI) of 60:1, while Masters Events deliver a staggering ROI ratio of 146:1.³ Notwithstanding these compelling ROI results, Hockey is restricted to where we can host events due to the lack of event ready facilities in Queensland.

- **Boosting Local Participation and Pathways:**

Many athletes identified for Brisbane 2032 hail from regional Queensland. High-quality facilities are essential to support their development through the provision of training environments that meet the demands of elite performance.

2. Growth Through Statewide Facility Upgrades

Hockey also notes that the significant role sports can play in addressing issues such as youth crime, youth mental health (especially in the regions) and the increasing costs in administering an overburdened health care system. Disappointingly, since the Olympic and Paralympic Games were awarded to Brisbane on 21 July 2021, there has been very little public policy discussion as to how Brisbane 2032 can contribute positively to the delivery of solutions for these seemingly intractable challenges.

Facility upgrades are vital across all to ensure Brisbane 2032 delivers a legacy that benefits players, regions and the broader community for decades to come. These upgrades have been identified through extensive consultation and align with the principles of the 100-Day Review:

- **Regional Training Hubs:**

Investments in flood-resilient pitches in Bundaberg, a third turf in Toowoomba, a second turf on the Sunshine Coast and lighting upgrades in Cairns are just some examples of creating fit-for-purpose facilities that attract teams, events and funding opportunities.

³ Hockey 100 Day Review Submission – Part Two Appendix 3



The comprehensive plan for identified infrastructure needs across all, included in this submission, outlines the specific projects required to unlock the full potential of these regional hubs. In addition, this submission sets out the growth projections and future demand modelling for each Association.

- **High-Performance Pathways:**

With 164 athletes currently in the state system identified as potentials for 2032, ensuring players have access to the facilities they need to succeed is critical not only for Queensland's Games legacy, but for Australia's Olympic success.

The Queensland Talent Pipeline has indicated that 52% of the hockey talent is coming from regional Queensland. Player progression to National Squads, however, is likely to come from Brisbane, the Sunshine Coast or the Gold Coast. Better facility investment is required to ensure the regional athletes can develop at home.

Alignment with the Terms of Reference

These targeted infrastructure upgrades align closely with the TOR for the 100-day Review by delivering:

- **Sustained Economic Impact:**

Investments in regional hubs will enable widespread engagement with visiting teams and events, providing economic boosts through tourism, hospitality and local services.

- **Long-Term Participation Opportunities:**

Upgraded facilities will address critical turf shortages and resource deficits while expanding access to players across rural and metropolitan areas.

- **Community Engagement:**

Developing community-focused and multi-sport hubs, like the Northern Centre of Excellence in Townsville, will ensure Brisbane 2032's benefits are felt across North Queensland and beyond.

The forward event timeline provides a pathway for leveraging these facilities to further engage communities and create economic activities that extend far beyond the Games.

Conclusion and Call to Action

Brisbane 2032 represents a unique, generational opportunity to leave a lasting legacy for one of Queensland's most successful and iconic Olympic sports. Hockey's infrastructure plan directly aligns with the guiding principles of the 100-day Review by delivering transformative, legacy focused and regionally significant investments that will amplify the visibility, accessibility and impact of hockey across Queensland.



These proposed projects will not only provide world-class facilities for athletes and communities, but also drive sustained economic growth through event hosting, tourism and local engagement. By investing in these upgrades now, Queensland will ensure Brisbane 2032 is remembered not as a singular moment, but as the beginning of a movement that secures the future of hockey for generations to come.

Additionally, the upgrades to regional Associations outlined in the appendices are essential to ensure hockey contributes meaningfully to Brisbane 2032's legacy. These projects will create community-first, multi-sport facilities that support local participation, high-performance athlete pathways, and regional economic growth, unlocking opportunities for all communities across the state to share in the Games' benefits.

As mentioned, our Part 1 submission called for the urgent development and funding of an **International Sports Event Strategy** to leverage and deliver permanent legacy-focused infrastructure investments.

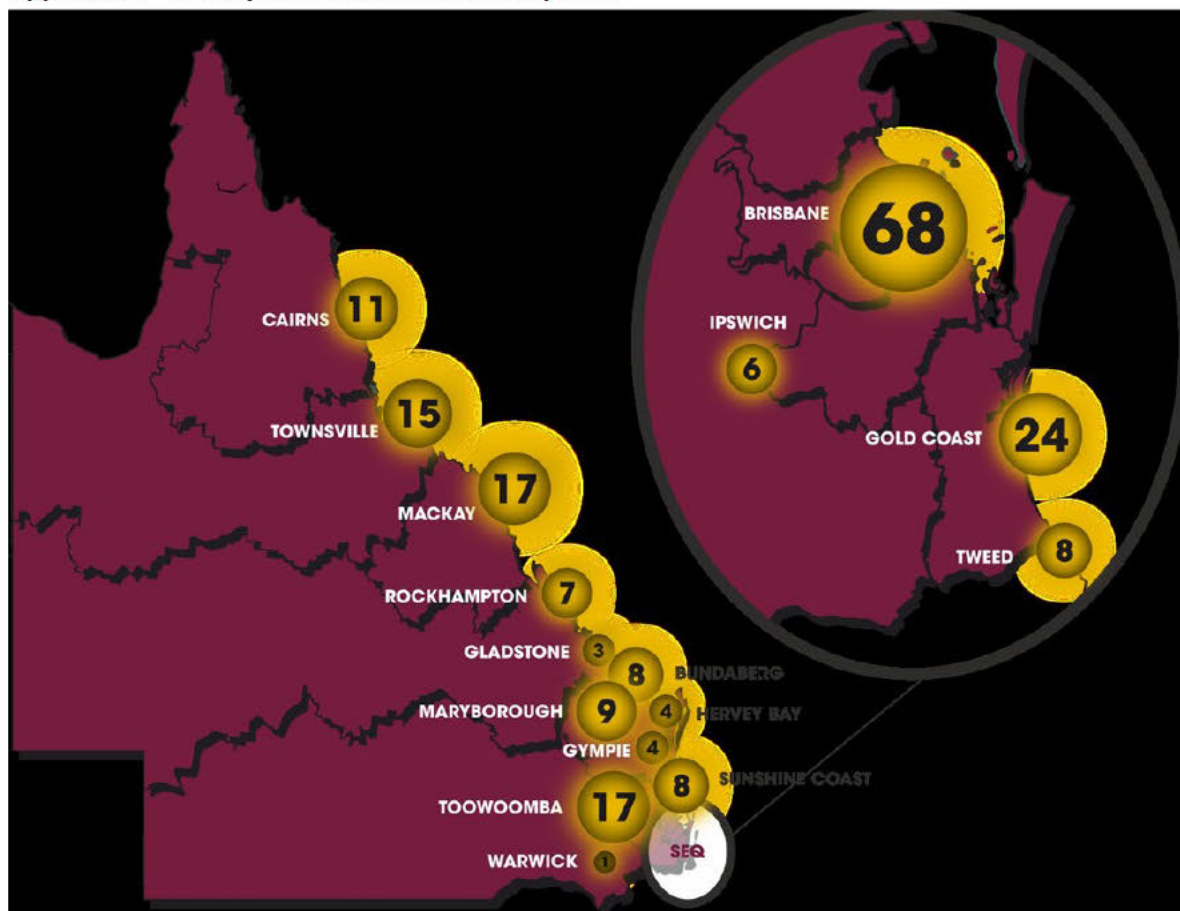
Many of the sport tourism opportunities we have identified in this submission are also the focus of attention in the Queensland Government's ***Destination 2045: Queensland's Tourism Future*** Discussion Paper (Destination 2045).

While Hockey will also be providing a submission to the Destination 2045 consultation process, if urgent action is not undertaken to invest in hockey facilities that will attract national and international events, then the much vaunted Green and Gold runway to Brisbane 2032 will be a squandered litany of lost opportunities.

For all the reasons set out in this submission, Hockey urges the Games Independent Infrastructure and Coordination Authority to recommend further investment into hockey facilities across the state. This investment is vital to delivering on Brisbane 2032's ambitions for statewide economic and legacy benefits, particularly in regional and rural Queensland.

Hockey stands ready to partner with Local, State, and Federal Governments to deliver on these priority projects and ensure Queensland's regions are properly activated both in the lead-up to Brisbane 2032 and long after.

Appendix 1 - Hockey Queensland's Talent Pipeline



| | JR State Pathway | SNR State Pathway | National Futures (U18) | National Junior (U21) | National Development | National Squad |
|----------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Brisbane | 55 | 2 | 5 | 2 | | 4 |
| Bundaberg | 7 | 1 | | | | |
| Cairns | 8 | 1 | 1 | | | 1 |
| Gladstone | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Gold Coast | 16 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Gympie | 4 | | | | | |
| Hervey Bay | 3 | | 1 | | | |
| Ipswich | 6 | | | | | |
| Mackay | 11 | 3 | 1 | 1 | | 1 |
| Maryborough | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | |
| Rockhampton | 7 | | | | | |
| Sunshine Coast | 8 | | | | | |
| Toowoomba | 14 | 1 | | 1 | | 1 |
| Townsville | 12 | | 1 | | 1 | 1 |
| Tweed | 6 | 1 | | | 1 | |
| Warwick | 1 | | | | | |
| Totals | 164 | 11 | 12 | 7 | 6 | 10 |



Appendix 2 Forward Event Timeline

| Month | Event Name | Level | Notes |
|-------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| January | Australian Open & U21 Indoor Championships | National | Indoor Hockey |
| | Australian U18, U16, U14 Indoor Championships | National | Indoor Hockey |
| | Australian Masters Indoor Challenge | National | Indoor Hockey |
| February | FIH Indoor World Cup | International | Every 4 years (2025, 2029) |
| | FIH Pro League | International | Annual international series for Kookaburras & Hockeyroos (stages hosted annually in Australia depending on cycle). |
| March/April | U16 Australian Championships | National | Outdoor Hockey |
| April | QLD U18 State Championships | State | Outdoor Hockey |
| May | U21 Australian Championships | National | Outdoor Hockey |
| | QLD Men's Masters State Championships | State | Masters Hockey |
| | Hockey Queensland Championships (Open) | State | Open division |
| | Masters Trans-Tasman Challenge | International | Masters (Held biennial in Australia) |



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|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| June | QLD Women's Masters State Championships | State | Masters Hockey |
| July | U18 Australian Championships | National | Outdoor Hockey |
| | QLD U14 State Championships | State | Outdoor Hockey |
| July/August | Olympic Games – Hockey | International | LA 2028 & Brisbane 2032 |
| August | Country Championships | National | Outdoor Hockey (Country representative teams) |
| September | U16 QLD State Championships | State | Outdoor Hockey |
| | Australian Men's Masters Championships | National | Masters Hockey |
| | Australian Women's Masters Championships | National | Masters Hockey |
| | U14 Australian Championships | National | Outdoor Hockey |
| | Oceania Cup | International | Olympic / FIH World Cup Qualifier (Biennial) |
| September/October | QLD Indoor State Championships (U14, U16, U18, Open) | State | Indoor Hockey held various weekends September - November |
| October/November | Hockey One – Regular Season | National | Professional domestic league with 3 home and away games |
| | Hockey One Finals | National | Professional domestic league |



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|------------------------|---------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| December | Indoor National Championships (Opens & U21) | National | Indoor Hockey |
| Rotating Months | FIH Hockey Men's World Cup | International | Every 4 years (Next: 2026) |
| | FIH Hockey Women's World Cup | International | Every 4 years (Next: 2026) |
| | FIH Hockey Junior Men's World Cup | International | Every 2 years (Next: 2025) |
| | FIH Hockey Junior Women's World Cup | International | Every 2 years (Next: 2025) |
| | FIH Hockey Masters World Cup | International | Every 2 years (Next: 2026) |
| | FIH Hockey5s World Cup | International | Every 4 years (Next: 2027, 2031) |



Appendix 3 - Maximising Economic Returns through Hockey Queensland State Championships

HQ delivers State Championship events across Queensland, attracting thousands of players, families, and supporters to host regions. These events generate significant economic activity for local businesses, primarily in accommodation, hospitality, transport and retail.

This proposal outlines the return on investment (ROI) for local councils that partner with HQ to host these prestigious events. The data indicates that every \$1 invested by councils returns between \$60-\$146 in direct economic spending, making these events a highly valuable opportunity for regional economic growth.

Event Overview and Expected Attendance:

HQ hosts various State Championship events, including:

- Junior State Championships (U14–U18); and
- Masters State Championships (Over 34s)

These events bring together teams from across Queensland, with a high percentage of traveling participants and their families, resulting in extended stays and significant local expenditure.

Estimated Attendance per Event:

| Event | Teams | Players | Spectators (Est.) | Total Attendees |
|-----------------------------|-------|---------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Junior State Championships | 22 | 330 | 825 | 1,155 |
| Masters State Championships | 50 | 800 | 2,000 | 2,800 |

Economic Impact Estimate for a Host Region:

Junior State Championships (average of 22 teams)

- Estimated Visitor Nights: 3,465
- Average Daily Spend per Visitor: \$350
- Total Economic Return: \$1,212,750
- Council Investment Estimate: \$20,000
- ROI: 60:1 (\$60 return for every \$1 invested)

Masters State Championships (average of 50 teams)

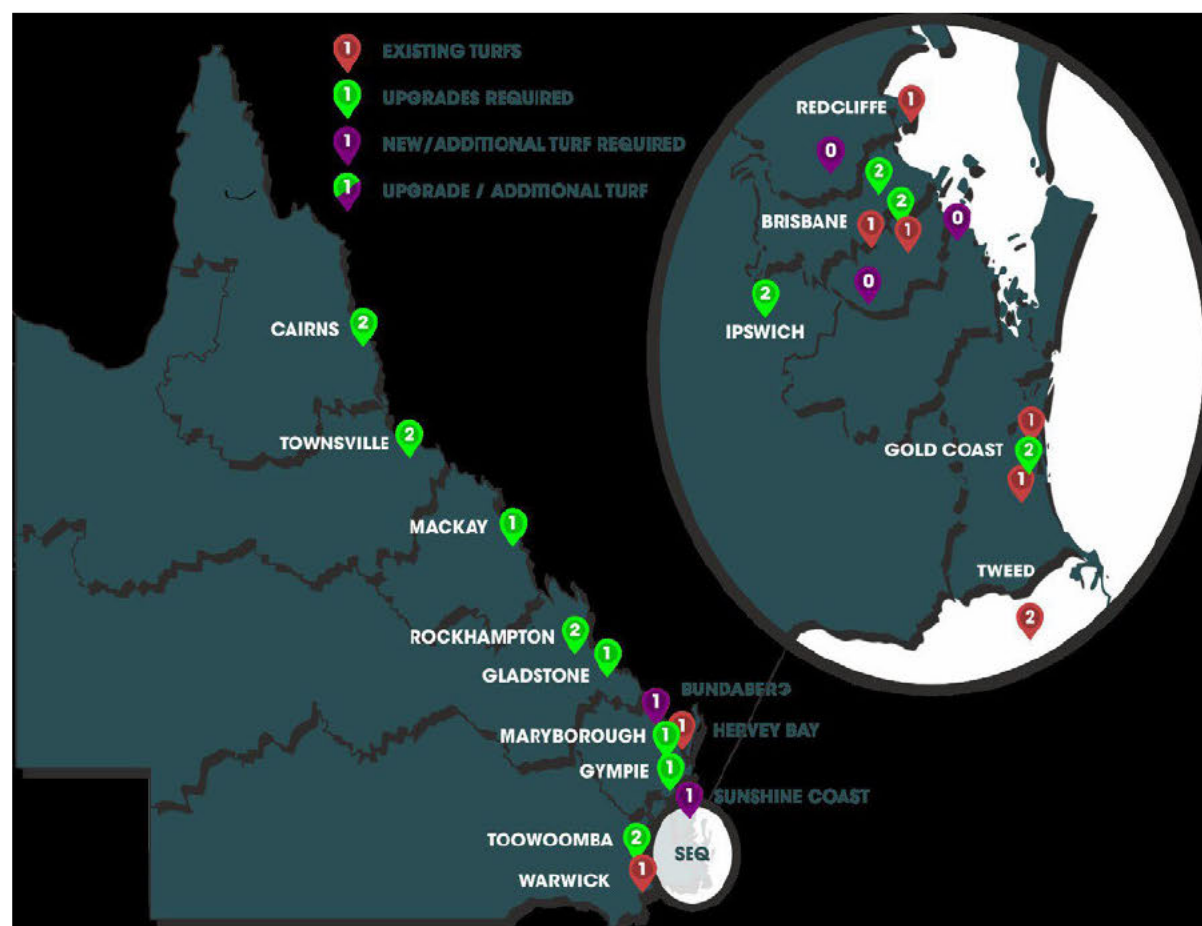
- Estimated Visitor Nights: 8,400
- Average Daily Spend per Visitor: \$350
- Total Economic Return: \$2,940,000
- Council Investment Estimate: \$20,000
- ROI: 146:1 (\$146 return for every \$1 invested)

Total Combined Impact (Junior + Masters)

- Total Economic Return: \$4,152,750
- Total Council Investment Estimate: \$40,000
- Total ROI: 104:1 (\$104 return for every \$1 invested)

Appendix 4 - Hockey Queensland's Infrastructure Requirements

| | Existing Turf | Upgrades Required | New Turf at Venue | New Turf New Venues |
|----------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Brisbane | 7 | ✓ | | ✓ (7 turfs) |
| Bundaberg | 1 | | | ■ (1 turf) |
| Cairns | 2 | ✓ | | |
| Gladstone | 1 | ■ | | |
| Gold Coast | 3 | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Gympie | 1 | ■ | ■ | |
| Hervey Bay | 1 | | | |
| Ipswich | 2 | ■ | | |
| Mackay | 1 | ✓ | | |
| Maryborough | 1 | ■ | ■ | |
| Rockhampton | 2 | ✓ | | |
| Sunshine Coast | 1 | | ■ | |
| Redlands | 0 | | | ✓ (1 turf) |
| Tweed | 2 | | | |
| Toowoomba | 2 | ✓ | ✓ | |
| Townsville | 2 | ■ | | |
| Warwick | 1 | | | |



Brisbane Associations

Associations: Brisbane Women's Hockey (BWAH) & Brisbane Hockey Association (BHA)

Representatives: Sue Reid & Dushen Salecich

Positions: Presidents of BWAH and BHA.

2024 Membership: 5,487

Projected Membership Growth by 2034: 26%

Scope of Work:

The Brisbane Hockey Associations are seeking Queensland Government support for an urgent expansion of state hockey infrastructure to accommodate:

- Growing demand for community hockey participation.
- High-performance athlete development for Brisbane 2032 and beyond.
- Queensland's role as a national leader in Olympic hockey development.

Brisbane has a significant shortfall in hockey fields, limiting talent development, participation growth, and event-hosting capabilities. Despite housing the most competitive hockey system in Queensland, Brisbane struggles with field shortages, forcing players to train late at night or outside optimal high-performance conditions due to capacity limitations.

Regional players relocate to Brisbane's elite programs, but the Queensland Academy of Sport (QAS) Hockey Program, Australia's largest high-performance hockey program, trains at a substandard facility. The State Hockey Centre in Colmslie has been described by national-level athletes as the worst elite hockey venue in Australia.

To address these issues, the Hockey Major Infrastructure Feasibility Study (The Study) highlighted a current pitch shortage of seven, increasing to nine by 2032. The Study provides a roadmap for Brisbane's long-term hockey infrastructure strategy, ensuring a lasting Olympic legacy through targeted investment in:

- Redeveloping high-performance facilities in Brisbane.
- New synthetic pitches and training centres to meet increasing demand.
- Expanding South Pine Sports Complex (Moreton Bay) as a growth hub.

These infrastructure improvements will ensure the greater Brisbane area is fully equipped to support Brisbane 2032 and sustain hockey's continued growth throughout Queensland.

Key Infrastructure Requirements:

1) State Hockey Centre (SHC) Upgrades

The SHC in Colmslie is in critical need of upgrades to ensure it serves both high-performance athletes and community-level participation going forward.

- a. **Replacement of Field 2 (2026):** Upgrade the turf and shock pad.
- b. **High-Performance-Ready Change Rooms:** Modernisation of the four Field 1 change rooms to include enhanced physio recovery zones, athlete preparation facilities, and accessibility improvements.

2) Enhanced Spectator Experience: Upgrades to seating and shading infrastructure at Fields 1 and 2.

- a. **SHC Feasibility Study:** Assessment of major renovations, including:
 - Improved parking, public transport access, and venue expansion.
 - New synthetic turf pitches to increase playing capacity.
 - Potential inclusion of an indoor facility for year-round high-performance training.

Investing in these SHC upgrades ensures Queensland has a dedicated home for Olympic-level training and a post-Games hockey legacy.

3) Brisbane North Hockey Centre (BNHC) – Facility Expansion

To address the growing demand from local clubs, the BNHC requires critical upgrades. These improvements will support the continued growth of hockey in the region and provide modern facilities that meet the needs of both community engagement and high-level play.

- a) **Grass field:** Install new energy-efficient LED lighting to improve visibility during evening games and training, while reducing long-term operational expenses.
- b) **New Clubhouse:** Construct a modern clubhouse that serves as both a community hub and a resource centre to support increasing participation. The new facility will incorporate solar power to align with sustainability goals and reduce operational costs.
- c) **Field 2 Irrigation System:** Complete the irrigation system installation to transform Field 2 into a fully functional water-based pitch. This upgrade is vital for maintaining professional playing standards and ensuring the field is fit for high-performance training and matches.

4) New Infrastructure – Addressing the 60-Hour Weekly Turf Deficit

Brisbane’s shortfall in synthetic fields is expected to exceed 60 hours per week by 2032, reinforcing the urgent need for additional facilities. As highlighted in the heat maps at the end of this report, the current membership and demand centres around where current facilities are located. Compared to the unmet demand where there are not turf pitches. Several key projects are proposed to reduce this pressure, alleviate congestion, and introduce new hockey hubs across the city.

- a. **Expanding South Pine Sports Complex (Moreton Bay):** Moreton Bay’s population is expected to reach 1 million by 2032, requiring additional sporting facilities to meet demand. South Pine Sports Complex has council-approved sites prepared for a three-field expansion, pending funding commitments. Moreton Bay’s junior hockey talent pipeline significantly feeds Brisbane’s high-performance programs, reinforcing the need for local access to synthetic surfaces.
- b. **Synthetic Pitch Expansion Across Brisbane:** Additional synthetic turf is needed to strategically distribute playing capacity and reduce training congestion. Adding extra synthetic surfaces in areas critical to junior hockey growth and Queensland’s player pathway system.

These include clubs such as:

- South-West United Hockey Club
- Northern Suburbs Hockey club
- Valley Hockey Club

By delivering this high-impact pitch expansion strategy, Brisbane will eliminate operational field shortages, grow grassroots engagement, and ensure Queensland hockey remains competitive well beyond Brisbane 2032.

- c. **Securing New Flood-Safe Development Sites for Hockey in Brisbane:** Existing facilities at Rasey Park & Downey Park are flood-prone, causing costly disruptions each season. Securing a permanent, flood-free home will:
 - Reduce seasonal interruptions,
 - Improve long-term player retention, and
 - Ensure future-proof infrastructure growth opportunities.

These proposed infrastructure expansions will ensure Brisbane 2032 leaves a permanent impact on Queensland hockey.

Indicative Costs:

Outlined below are the key costs associated with the infrastructure projects.

| Infrastructure Key Projects | Estimated Investment |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| Replacement of Turf 2 (by 2026) | \$800,000 |

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Spectator Seating & Shade (Field 2) | \$250,000 |
| Modernisation of Four Change Rooms | \$600,000 |
| Feasibility Study for Centre Redevelopment | \$100,000 |
| LED Lighting Upgrade (Grass field) | \$200,000 |
| New Clubhouse with Solar Power Integration | \$1 million |
| Irrigation Installation for Field 2 (Water-based Pitch Conversion) | \$300,000 |
| South Pine Sports Complex Expansion – three new synthetic fields | \$6 million |
| New Synthetic Turf Installations & Expansions | \$1.3M - \$3M per field |
| Securing a New Flood-Safe Facility for BWHA | Estimated at \$5M+ |

How Does This Project Enhance Activations for Brisbane 2032?

- **FIH-Level Facilities Ready for Pre-Tournament Training Camps:** New and upgraded facilities will ensure Brisbane can host international teams preparing for Brisbane 2032.
- **A Revised Brisbane Hockey Infrastructure Plan:** Provides a legacy for Queensland's biggest hockey playing base.
- **Expanding Indoor Hockey Facilities to Elevate Tournament Capability Post-2032:** A new indoor hockey facility will improve Brisbane's capacity to expand events while reducing scheduling conflicts with existing indoor sports. An indoor space would also allow greater multi-sport usage, including collaboration with wheelchair sports for Paralympic alignment.

Olympic Legacy Benefits

- More turf fields ensuring Brisbane Hockey's expansion post-2032.
- Ensuring high-performance pathways remain strong & sustainable pre and post-Games.
- More synthetic pitches mean more Playing Opportunities – From Schools to National Squads.

Brisbane has developed 77 National Australian players, with 24 progressing to Olympic selection. The lack of modern training facilities is impacting the pathway for future Olympians, reinforcing the need for strategic field and facility expansion.

Event Experience and Hosting Expertise:

Brisbane has a well-established history of hosting a wide range of state and national hockey events, demonstrating the region's expertise and experience in organising large-scale competitions. However, limitations in the current facility infrastructure have hindered Brisbane's ability to host high-profile international matches and indoor championships, depriving the city of significant opportunities for both sporting engagement and economic return.

Some past events held in Brisbane include:

| Year | Event |
|------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1999 | Champions Trophy SHC |
| 2007 | Australia v Netherlands SHC (Men, friendly) |
| 2005 | Under 15 Men's Nationals SHC |
| 2010 | Under 21 Women's Nationals SHC Under 15 Women's Nationals SHC |
| 2011 | Under 19 Men's Nationals SHC |
| 2012 | U18 Men's Nationals SHC |
| 2014 | U13 Women's Nationals BNHC |

In addition to the above events the SHC has hosted three Brisbane Blaze home games each season as part of the Hockey One League in 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024. While Brisbane Blaze consistently delivers one of the

best atmospheres in the League, the lack of accessibility at SHC has stifled attendance growth, limiting crowd numbers and the potential for further engagement.

Missed Opportunities for National Championships:

Brisbane is missing out on hosting aged national championships, including junior and senior events, due to the inadequacies of existing facilities and the inability to host at one venue. This has resulted in Brisbane losing millions in regional economic impact through accommodation, dining, tourism, and local service utilisation. Upgraded infrastructure would unlock significant financial returns for Brisbane, calculated at approximately \$500,000 to \$4 million per tournament, depending on the scale and duration of the event.

Additionally, Brisbane's Indoor Hockey program is hindered by the reliance on school venues, meaning the indoor season and tournaments are dictated by the school's timetable. A dedicated Indoor Hockey facility would enable Brisbane Hockey to independently host events without these constraints, providing greater flexibility in scheduling and ensuring that Brisbane can continue to host both national and state indoor championships in the future.

While Brisbane remains a capable event host, the city's ability to attract international matches and expand national championships is restricted by the facilities.

Engagement and Partnerships:

The Brisbane Hockey Associations have been proactive in engaging with key stakeholders at both the state and local government levels. These relationships are crucial for driving the necessary infrastructure upgrades and ensuring continued support for the growth of hockey in Brisbane.

State MPs Engaged:

- Joan Pease MP, Member for Lytton, Co-Chair of Friends of Hockey
- Bart Mellish, MP, Member for Aspley
- Chris Whiting, MP, Member for Bancroft
- Di Farmer, MP, Member for Bulimba
- Jimmy Sullivan MP, Member for Stafford

Local Councillors Engaged:

- Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner (Brisbane City)
- Andrew Wines (Enoggera Ward)
- Lucy Collier (Morningside Ward)
- Mayor Peter Flannery (Moreton Bay City Council)

Partners Engaged:

Brisbane Hockey Associations have fostered valuable partnerships with various community organisations and clubs that contribute to the sporting ecosystem. These partnerships not only support participation but also aim to create integrated sports hubs for broader community use:

- Kedron Wavell Services Club: A crucial partner in fostering community and sport through sponsorship and support services.
- Softball Queensland: Collaborating to maximise the utilisation of shared facilities and promote multi-sport engagement.
- Vulcana Circus: Partnering to activate spaces, promoting inclusivity and community through shared venue use.

Conclusion:

Brisbane is at a critical juncture where its hockey infrastructure can either limit or unlock the city's potential in the lead-up to the 2032 Olympic Games. The existing facilities, particularly the SHC, are outdated and insufficient to meet both current demands and future opportunities. With Brisbane hosting one of Queensland's most competitive Premier Leagues and producing 75 National players and 24 Olympians, the city's legacy as a hockey powerhouse is at risk of stalling without urgent infrastructure upgrades.

This proposal details the necessary improvements, including the expansion of synthetic pitches, new facilities in Moreton Bay and the redevelopment of the SHC and BNHC. These upgrades are critical not only for Brisbane's participation in the Olympic movement but also for the sport's expansion in local schools and community clubs.

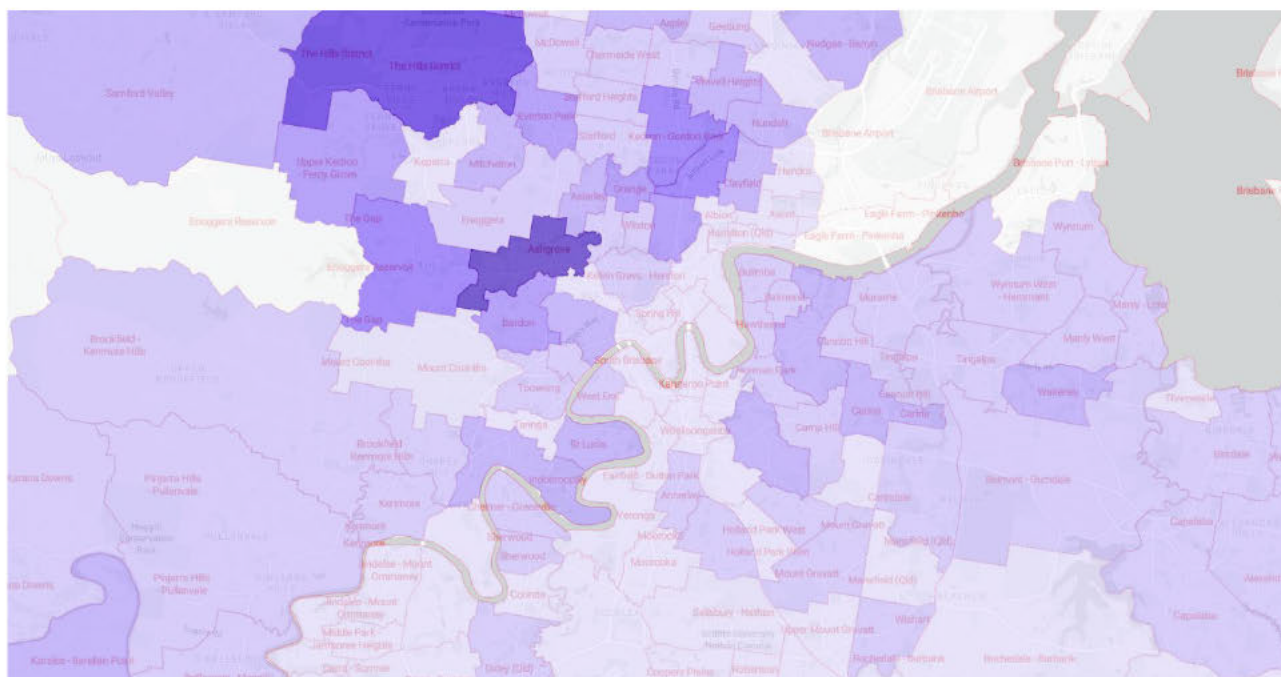
The Queensland Government's support is pivotal to fulfilling Brisbane's potential as a premier hockey hub for state, national, and international competitions. Investment in these infrastructure projects will not only guarantee a lasting Olympic legacy for Brisbane but also foster talent development, attract significant economic returns, and create a more inclusive sporting environment for future generations. By taking this strategic action now, Queensland can ensure Brisbane's hockey facilities remain at the forefront of sports development in Australia well into the 21st century.

Brisbane Membership Heat Maps

The following heat maps have been provided by ActiveQld Eye the ActiveXchange sports data base. The darker the colouring the higher the number.

Current Playing Membership:

Number of registered members with Hockey Qld.



Bundaberg Hockey Association

Association: Bundaberg Hockey Association (BHA)

Association Representative: Ken Grant.

Position: President

2024 Membership: 469 (16% Growth on 2023)

Projected Membership Growth by 2034: 47%

Scope of Work:

Bundaberg Hockey Association (BHA) is at a pivotal point in securing the sport's future within the region. The association is seeking support from Governments to address urgent infrastructure challenges that threaten hockey's long term sustainability in Bundaberg.

The key priority areas include:

- Relocation to a flood-free site to protect facilities and ensure uninterrupted play.
- Expansion of facilities in response to growing demand.
- Upgrades to critical infrastructure to improve player experience and competition readiness.
- Positioning Bundaberg as a major regional host for legacy events leading into Brisbane 2032.

Strategic investment in Bundaberg Hockey's infrastructure will not only safeguard the sport locally but will also establish the region as an Olympic training and competition hub in the lead-up to Brisbane 2032.

Key Infrastructure Requirements:

1) Relocation to a Flood-Free Zone

Bundaberg's current hockey facility is situated in a high-risk flood zone and has been repeatedly impacted by significant flood events. Urgent relocation is required to:

- Protect community investment and ensure uninterrupted operations.
- Safeguard infrastructure, including playing surfaces, dugouts, and club facilities.
- Mitigate financial losses and membership decline caused by flood disruptions.
- Provide a reliable venue for local, state, national, and potential international events.

A new dual-surface flood-free facility would position Bundaberg as an ideal destination for Queensland and Australian hockey tournaments, pre-Olympic camps, and visiting international teams.

2) Facility Expansion to Support Growth

With projected membership growth of 47% by 2034, Bundaberg requires additional playing capacity, including:

- A second synthetic turf to support junior and senior competition expansion.
- An indoor facility to provide year-round play and training opportunities.
- Upgraded club amenities to enhance player and spectator experience.

An expanded facility would strengthen Bundaberg's position as a premier regional hockey venue, allowing the association to attract and retain players while hosting larger-scale competitions.

3) Infrastructure Modernisation

Several critical infrastructure components require immediate attention, including:

- **Lighting upgrades** to ensure safe evening competition.
- **Water management improvements** to enhance turf and field sustainability.
- **Clubhouse enhancements** to cater to a growing membership base.

Investing in these upgrades will improve playing conditions, encourage community engagement, and enable Bundaberg to host high-quality tournaments, driving economic and social benefits for the region.

Indicative Costs:

Outlined below are the estimated costs for a world-class, flood-free hockey centre in Bundaberg:

| Infrastructure Project | Estimated Investment |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Dual synthetic turf surfaces | \$2.5 million |
| Indoor facility | \$1.5 million |
| Clubhouse & amenities | \$2 million |
| Lighting & infrastructure | \$1 million |
| Water management systems | \$500,000 |
| Total Estimated Cost | \$7.5 million |

Bundaberg Hockey is willing to contribute financially towards the facility's development in partnership with the Queensland Government.

Note: The project costs mentioned above are preliminary estimates and may be subject to further detailed investigations.

How This Project Enhances Activations for Brisbane 2032

Bundaberg has a proud hockey legacy, producing world-class athletes who have represented Australia on the Olympic stage. Notable Olympians include:

- **Troy Elder** – Gold Medallist (Athens 2004), Olympian (Sydney 2000)
- **Rebecca Greiner** – Olympian (Paris 2024)

Additionally, Bundaberg plays a crucial role in Queensland's hockey talent pipeline, with:

- Seven (7) junior athletes in the Queensland state pathway
- One (1) athlete in the senior high-performance pathway

Investment in Bundaberg's hockey infrastructure will ensure the region continues to produce elite talent for Brisbane 2032 and beyond. A redeveloped centre will also serve as a high-performance training base, supporting Olympic and Paralympic preparation with:

- **Climate acclimatisation** – Similar conditions to Brisbane for optimal athlete readiness.
- **Proximity to the capital** – A three-hour drive or short daily flights for athlete transfers.
- **Post-training recovery benefits** – Easy Ocean access for ice bath recovery sessions.

By addressing critical facility shortfalls, Bundaberg can ensure Queensland's regional hockey players remain in the sport, enhance development pathways, and contribute to Olympic success in 2032.

Engagement & Partnerships:

Bundaberg Hockey Association is working closely with key stakeholders to secure funding and planning support, engaging with:

- **Local Government:** Mayor Helen Blackburn
- **State Government:** Tom Smith MP, Member for Bundaberg
- **Federal Government:** Keith Pitt MP, Member for Hinkler

Securing government backing for this project will ensure Bundaberg becomes a key contributor to Queensland's hockey legacy, supporting community sport and high-performance athlete pathways.

Conclusion & Call to Action:

The relocation and expansion of Bundaberg's hockey facilities is critical to preserving and growing the sport in the region. The key priorities requiring government support include:

- Commitment to a flood-free relocation site.
- Funding for a second synthetic turf surface.
- Investment in clubhouse and facility modernisation.
- Implementation of lighting, irrigation, and water management upgrades.
- Inclusion of an indoor facility to drive year-round participation and multi-sport use.

- Support for Bundaberg to become a key regional training venue for Brisbane 2032.

This investment will provide a lasting sporting legacy for Bundaberg, enhance participation opportunities, and strengthen Queensland's broader Olympic talent development pathway.

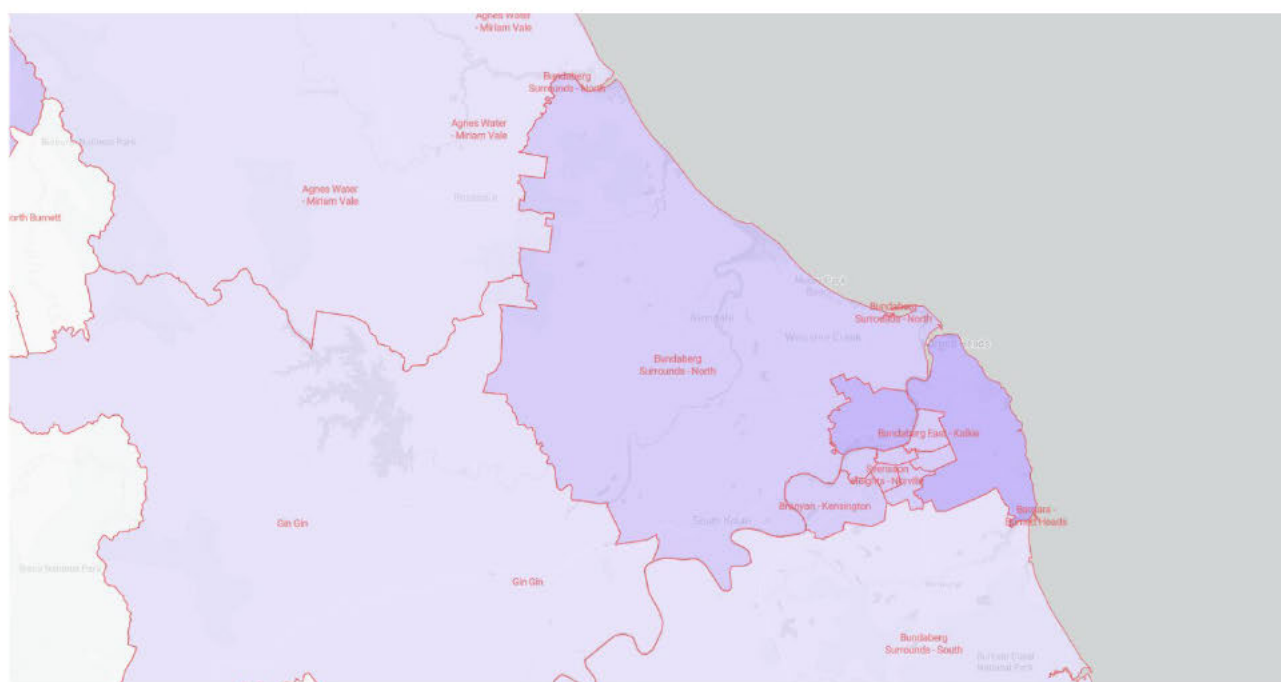
Bundaberg Hockey urges immediate action and investment to ensure the sport continues to thrive in the region while reinforcing Queensland's reputation as a leader in Australian hockey.

Bundaberg Heat Maps

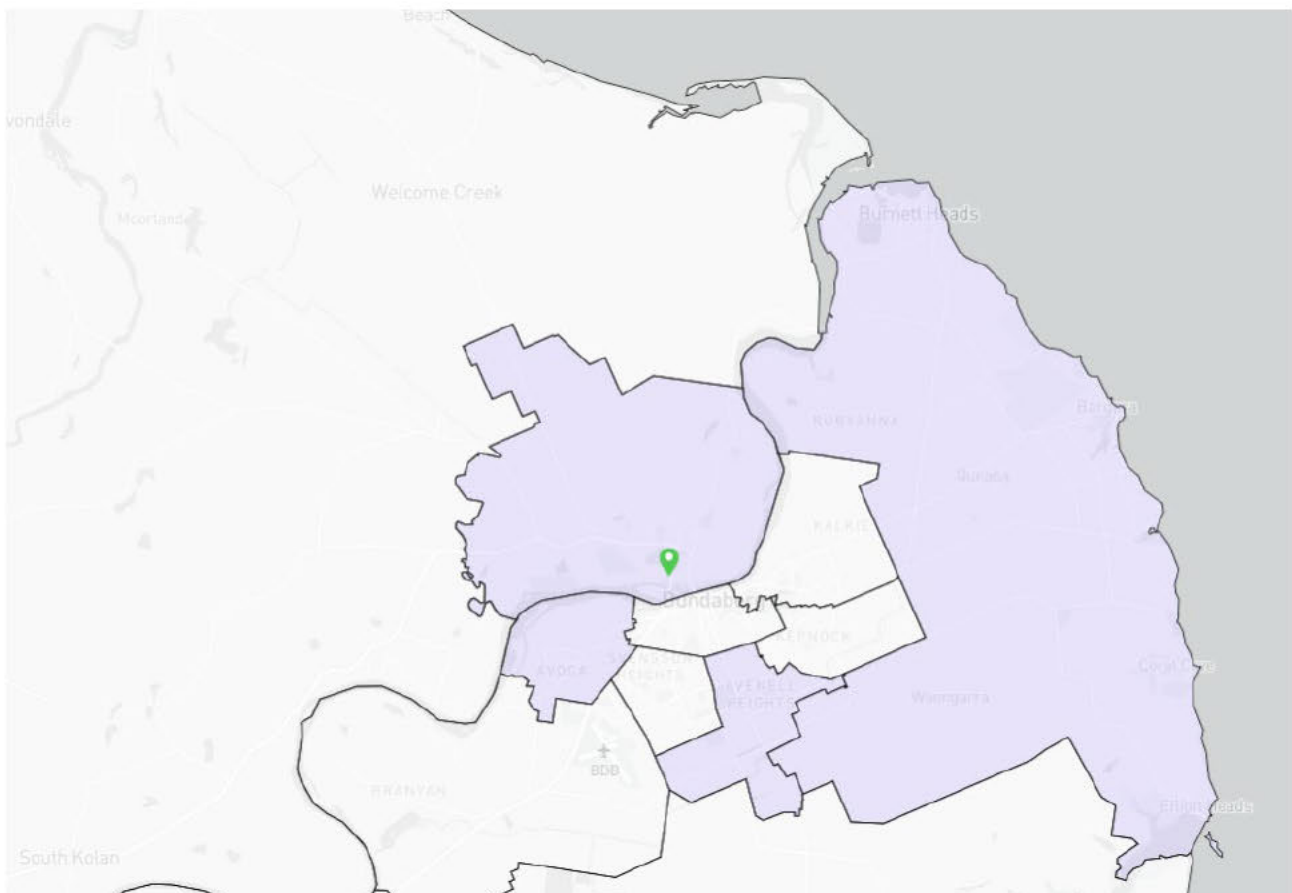
The following heat maps have been provided by ActiveQld Eye the ActiveXchange sports data base. The darker the colouring the higher the number.

Current Playing Membership:

Number of registered members with Hockey Qld.



Demand for Hockey:



Cairns Hockey Association

Association: Cairns Hockey Association (CHA)

Association Representative: Jodie Dennis

Position: Office Manager

2024 Membership: 990

Projected Membership Growth by 2034: 18%

Scope of Work:

The Cairns Hockey Association (CHA) is seeking Queensland Government support for critical infrastructure upgrades, driven by both the strategic priorities identified by CHA and the opportunities presented by Brisbane's successful bid to host the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games (Brisbane 2032). This request is grounded in:

- The CHA Infrastructure Advisory Group's Recommendations and Investigations: established in 2017 to identify the future infrastructure needs of CHA.
- CHA Infrastructure Plan 2021-2024: Adopted in July 2021 and currently under review. This plan details the necessary developments to ensure CHA remains a premier hockey facility in Queensland.
- Strategic Priorities of the CHA Board: Positioned as a central feature of CHA's initiatives, these priorities include providing a Fédération Internationale de Hockey (FIH) compliant facility and establishing CHA as an "event-ready" international hockey destination aligned with the expectations outlined for Brisbane 2032.

CHA acknowledges and appreciates the significant financial support provided by the Queensland Government for the replacement of the playing surface and underlay for Field 1 (Reef). This project is on schedule for completion by December 2024.

Key Infrastructure Requirements:

Based on the guidance from the CHA Infrastructure Advisory Group, the CHA Infrastructure Plan, and the CHA Board, CHA has identified the following essential infrastructure needs:

1) Replacement of Turf Lighting:

- a. Field 1 (Reef): Upgrading lighting fixtures to LED and enhancing electrical connections.
- b. Field 2 (Rainforest): Similar LED upgrades and electrical enhancements.

2) Replacement of Playing Surface and Underlay:

- a. Field 2 (Rainforest): The current surface nearing the end of its effective lifespan after nine (9) years of use.

3) Sun-Safe Shading Enhancement:

- a. Installation of additional protective shading at the venue to support players and spectators.

4) Modification of the Link Building:

- a. Weather Protection & Disability Access: Enhancements to make the clubhouse more accessible and functional.
- b. Increased Shaded Areas: Expansion of shaded seating for spectators.
- c. Expanded Kiosk & Storage: Improvements to on-site utilities and storage facilities.

5) Expansion of the Link Building:

- a. Extended Spectator Seating: Increase the number of shaded seating options available.

- b. Multi-Purpose Room: Establishment of a versatile space for functions, and staff/player training activities.

CHA has noted that projects 1), 2), and 3) as described above are “shovel-ready” and can proceed promptly upon securing required funding. Modifications and expansions under items 4) and 5) will require further detailed design work and the appropriate Town Planning and Building Approvals.

In line with its commitment to excellence, CHA also anticipates achieving FIH Level 2 or 3 certification for both fields.

Indicative Costs:

| Infrastructure Key Projects | Estimated Investment |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Lighting Upgrade – Field 1 (Reef) | \$500,000 |
| Lighting Upgrade – Field 2 (Rainforest) | \$500,000 |
| Turf Replacement (Rainforest) | \$800,000 |
| Sun-Safe Shading | \$250,000 |
| Link Building Modifications | \$625,000 |
| Link Building Expansion | \$2.5 million |
| Total Estimated Investment | \$6.175 million |

Note: The project costs mentioned above are preliminary estimates and may be subject to further detailed investigations. Additionally, CHA is prepared to contribute financially (where able) to the projects in partnership with the Queensland Government.

How does the project enhance activations for 2032?

For CHA to fully engage and contribute to Brisbane 2032, it is crucial that the fields meet FIH certification standards.

The proposed upgrades, particularly the replacement of turf and lighting, are designed to ensure that both fields achieve the necessary FIH Level 2 or 3 certification. This certification is a prerequisite for hosting international teams and high-calibre events at the CHA facilities.

With FIH-compliant fields, CHA will be poised to:

- **Host Olympic Pre-Training Camps:** International teams can conduct their pre-Olympic training in Cairns, taking advantage of world-class facilities.
- **Organise Pre-Olympic Events:** The enhanced facilities will allow CHA to attract international competitions and events in the lead-up to Brisbane 2032, showcasing Far North Queensland as a key location within Queensland's broader Olympic activation strategy.
- **Accelerate Regional Engagement:** By hosting international, national and state events, CHA will play a vital role in engaging the Far North Queensland community in the Olympic movement, creating critical participation and pathway development opportunities for local athletes and allow CHA to use international events to promote the sport locally.

Additionally, CHA's active role in the development pathways of hockey athletes underscores the importance of these upgrades. CHA has produced three (3) National Hockey players in the past and currently have eight (8) players already identified as potential Olympic competitors for 2032. The requested investment ensures the fields meet FIH certification standards, which is essential to nurturing this talent and further establishing Cairns as a hub for international hockey leading up to Brisbane 2032.

Event Experience and Hosting Expertise:

CHA has a well-established history of hosting significant pre-Olympic training camps and events that have attracted elite teams from across the globe. Since the installation of the Field 1 (Reef) in 1991, CHA has hosted numerous international games, tournaments and training camps including:

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| May 1992 | Four Nations Men's tournament including Australia, Argentina, Malaysia and Korea |
| May 1992 | Canadian Women's Team pre-Olympic training venue |
| 1996 | Telstra Australian Women's Series including Australia, Junior Australian Team, China and Korea |
| 1996 | Four Nations Men's tournament including Australia, South Africa, India and New Zealand |
| 1999 | Australia -v- Germany Men's Test Match |
| 2000 | Netherlands Men's Team pre-Olympic training venue. Netherlands played an exhibition match against Cairns City Invitation Team |
| 2004 | Australia -v- New Zealand Men's three match series as pre-Olympic Tournament |
| 2008 | Australia -v- Korea Men's Test Match Series as pre-Olympic Tournament |

Conducting local and national hockey events that foster high-performance athlete development.

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|------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2021 | 13 – 19 State School Boys Championships, GBRMG |
| 2022 | U18 National Championships (CRC Sponsorship), Masters Women National Championships (CRC Sponsorship), Hawthorn Shield, All Stars |
| 2023 | Hockey Queensland U18 Girls State Championships, Hockey Queensland U13 Boys State Championships, GBRMG, All Stars |
| 2024 | 10 – 12 National School Boys and Girls Championships, 10 -12 State School Boys and Girls Championships, Hawthorn Shield (Intercity Rep Championship), All Stars |
| 2025 | Trans Tasman Masters Championships, Hockey Queensland Masters Women State Championships, Hockey Queensland U18 Boys State Championships, GBRMG |

These events have provided substantial economic benefits to the Far North Queensland Region as part of sports tourism initiatives by attracting spectators to the region and increasing expenditure on accommodation, local tours and attractions.

The hosting of the events also enabled the CHA to increase revenue by ticket sales and spectator expenditure on food and beverages. The major events have allowed the CHA to increase community awareness of the sport and provide a means to increase local participation.

Engagement and Partnerships:

CHA has a proven track record of successful collaboration with various stakeholders, including:

Engagement:

- Hon Warren Entsch MP Federal Member Leichardt and Cairns Hockey Association Patron
- Michael Healy MP, State Member for Cairns
- Mayor Amy Eden, Cairns Regional Council
- Divisional Councillors for Cairns Regional Council
- Senior Cairns Regional Council Officers within Community Spaces, Planning Development and Strategic Planning
- Senior Officers with Department of Tourism and Sport
- The Cairns Post
- The Cairns Business Community

Partnerships:

- Aspire to be Deadly Indigenous Program
- NQEA (Facility Support)
- Belgravia Leisure (Aquatic Centre adjoining CHA Facilities)
- Cairns International Tennis Centre (adjoining CHA Facilities)

- Saints Hockey Club Cairns – Pezzutti Park (southern corridor hockey facilities)
- Cairns Skate Centre (Indoor Hockey Centre)
- James Cook University (sports science)
- Cairns Total Health Management (Nutrition)
- FNQ Podiatry and Orthotics
- Peninsula School Sport
- BDO (Aspire mentor program)

The Cairns Hockey Association prides itself on its contribution to the sport and is committed to working with the Queensland Government to ensure the region continues to benefit from world-class facilities and opportunities, particularly as Brisbane 2032 draws closer.

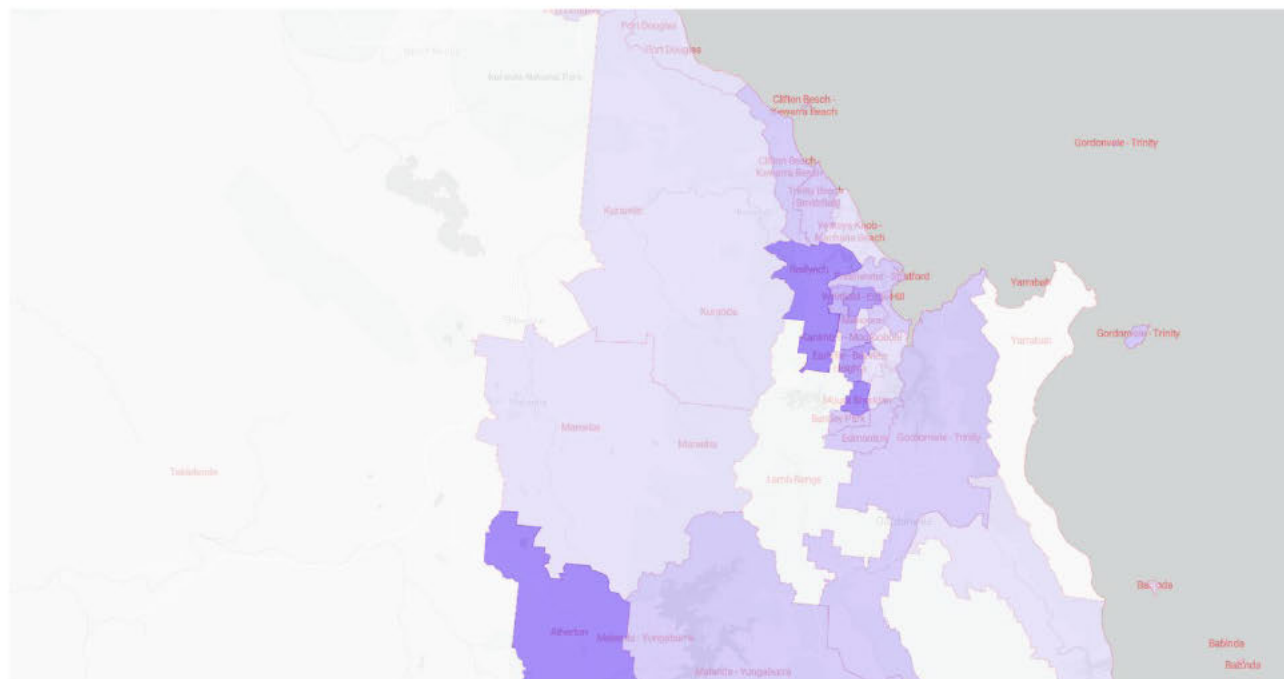
Your support is vital in advancing these goals and in helping Cairns and North Queensland participate fully in the broader Olympic movement and make the most of this generational opportunity.

Cairns Heat Maps

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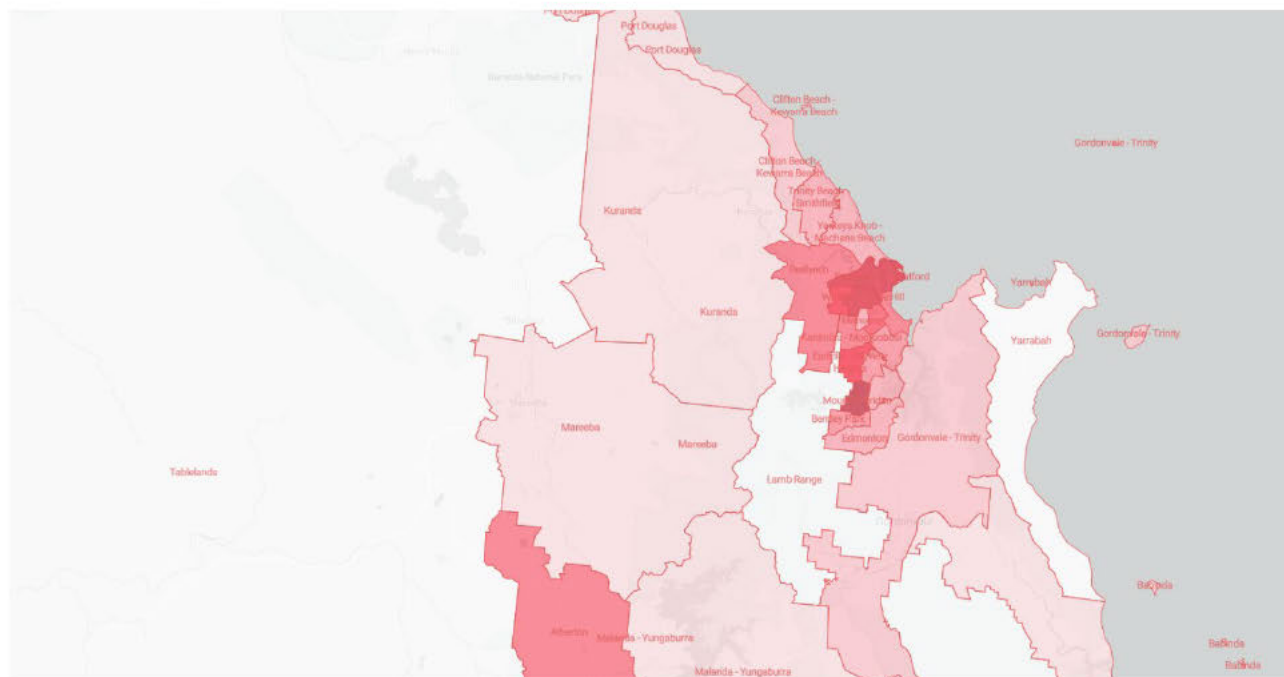
Current Playing Membership:

Number of registered members with Hockey Qld.



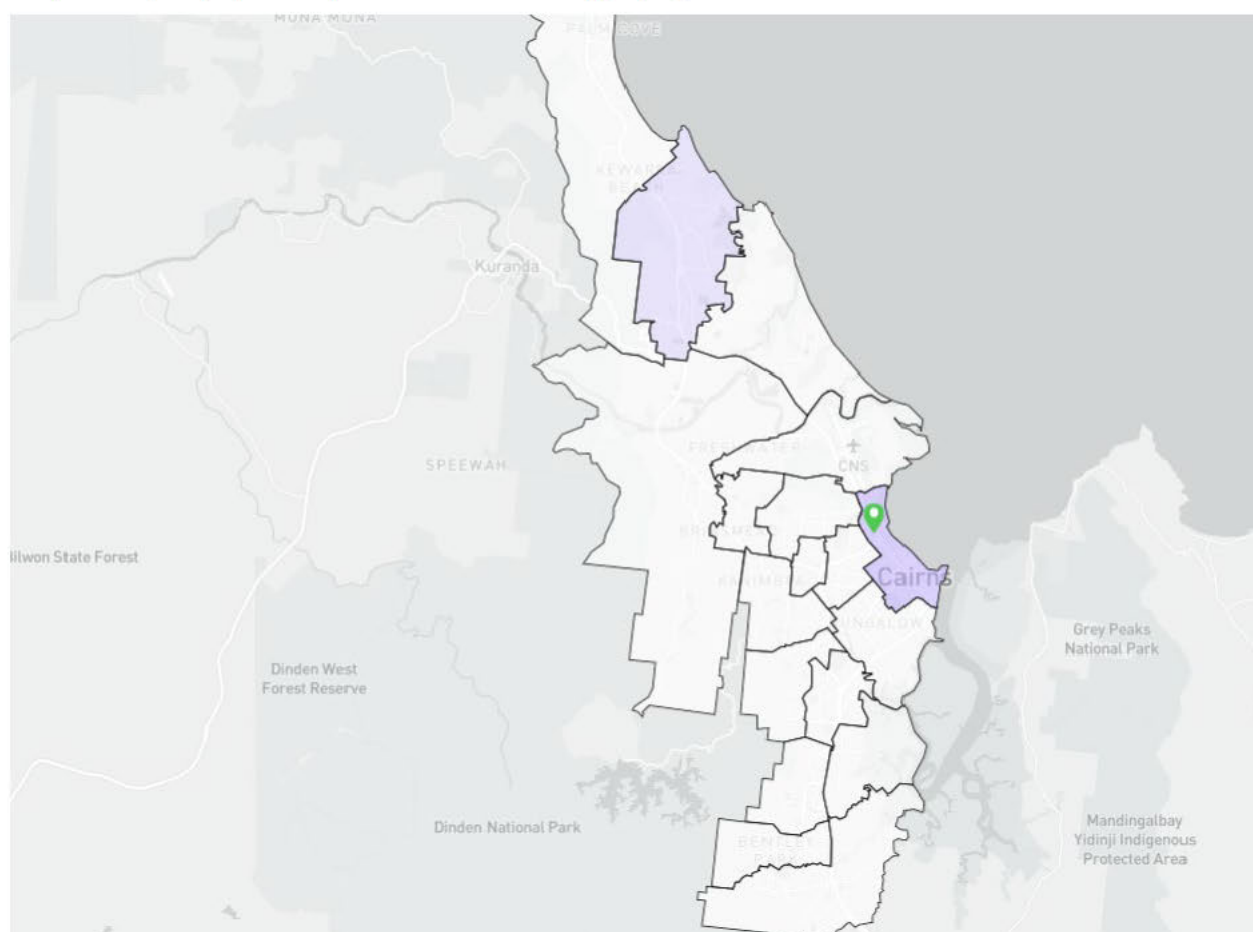
Demand for Hockey:

People count deemed to have a high propensity to participate in the activity and/or venue. Demand can be viewed as the potential market for the activity based on characteristics and behaviours of the existing membership.



Unmet Demand:

People likely to play hockey but are not currently playing



Gold Coast Hockey Association

Association: Gold Coast Hockey Association (GCHA)

Association Representative: Scott Beasley

Position: President

2024 Membership: 1,065 (4% increase on 2023)

Projected Membership Growth by 2034: 25%

Scope of Work:

The Gold Coast Hockey Association (GCHA) is seeking Queensland Government support for vital infrastructure upgrades at the Gold Coast Hockey Centre. These upgrades are driven by both the strategic priorities identified by GCHA and the opportunities presented by Brisbane's successful bid to host the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games (Brisbane 2032). The facility, originally built for the 2018 Commonwealth Games, is now at a pivotal stage where necessary refurbishments are needed to maintain and enhance its capacity as a premier international hockey venue.

This request is grounded in:

- **Facility Legacy & Strategic Collaboration:** The Gold Coast Hockey Centre—originally a \$13 million investment—has become a beacon for hockey in the region. To continue maximising its potential, critical upgrades are needed to become recertified as a FIH Level 1 venue. GCHA is committed to ensuring the facility is future proofed through partnerships with the Gold Coast Hockey Management Group, Hockey Queensland, and the City of Gold Coast, solidifying its role in Queensland's broader Olympic and sports activation strategy.
- The Centre has contributed significantly to the local economy since the 2018 Commonwealth Games. For example, in addition to hosting 36 minor and major tournaments between 2017 and 2023, the centre runs a 23-week local season, which facilitates over 600 hockey games per year. Over this period, it's clear that the council and state government have already seen substantial returns on their investment. It is conservatively estimate that each tournament brought a baseline return of \$500,000 through accommodation, food, and other visitor expenditure, this equates to a total economic return of \$18 million. This extraordinary legacy continues to grow, creating a strong justification for further investment in the centre's future.

Key Infrastructure Requirements:

GCHA has identified the following essential infrastructure needs, structured into three key phases:

1) Initial Infrastructure Upgrades (2025)

- **Target Events:** FIH Pro League (February 2025) and Hockey One Finals (November 2025)
- **Investment Requirements:**
 - Installation of temporary seating grandstands to accommodate a minimum of 4,000 spectators for FIH Pro League matches.
 - New lighting towers to meet the minimum lux levels required by the FIH.
 - Pitch resurfacing for one field to meet FIH Pro League standards.

2) Preliminary World Cup Infrastructure Enhancements (2028–2030)

- **Target Event:** 2030 Hockey World Cup (scheduled for 2030)
- **Investment Requirements:**
 - Resurfacing of additional pitches and upgrading facilities to meet World Cup standards.
 - Enhanced grandstand seating and upgraded lighting, including possible electrical infrastructure improvements.

3) Ongoing Infrastructure and Maintenance (2031–2034)

- **Objective:** Post-World Cup, continued investment to maintain international standards and support both grassroots and elite participation in the later years of the strategic partnership.

Indicative Costs:

Outlined below are key indicative costs for the necessary infrastructure upgrades all exclusive of GST:

| Infrastructure Key Projects | Estimated Investment |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Phase 1: Initial Infrastructure Upgrades (2025) | \$1.5 million |
| Phase 2: Preliminary World Cup Infrastructure Enhancements (2028–2030) | \$2.5 million |
| Phase 3: Ongoing Infrastructure and Maintenance (2031–2034) | \$1 million |
| Total Estimated Investment Over 10 Years | \$5 million |

Note: These project costs are preliminary estimates and may be refined following further detailed assessments. GCHA, in partnership with other stakeholders, is prepared to contribute financially to these projects.

These infrastructure investments are not merely about upgrading the facility but ensuring that the Gold Coast can play a central role in the Olympic narrative, which is an once in a generation opportunity.

How does the project enhance activations for 2032?

The phased upgrades described are essential for GCHA to fully engage and contribute to the success of Brisbane 2032. To secure and host premier events leading up to and beyond Brisbane 2032, it is crucial that the Gold Coast Hockey Centre meets and maintains FIH certification standards.

- **Hosting Olympic Pre-Training Camps:** International teams can conduct their pre-Olympic training on the Gold Coast, leveraging top-tier facilities that meet FIH standards.
- **Organising Pre-Olympic Events:** Enhanced facilities will position GCHA to attract high-profile international competitions such as the FIH Pro League and major tournaments leading up to 2032, such as the 2030 world cup.
- **Accelerating Regional Engagement:** By hosting international, national, and state events, GCHA will drive regional engagement, participation, and pathway development for local athletes.

In addition, Gold Coast hockey has a reputation of developing national and international players. With nine (9) national hockey squad members have developed their hockey on the Gold Coast. Gold Coast has produced three (3) Olympians and currently has sixteen (16) identified athletes for 2032 and their success hinges on improvements in facilities.

The GCHA proposal encapsulates the national and international event opportunities for the Gold Coast over the next decade, extending beyond Brisbane 2032. Key events such as the 2030 Hockey World Cup are pivotal, with the necessary infrastructure improvements aligned strategically with the proposed event timetable.

Event Experience and Hosting Expertise:

The Gold Coast Hockey Centre boasts a strong history of hosting prestigious tournaments, leveraging its Commonwealth Games legacy. GCHA has consistently attracted elite teams and facilitated high-level competition, positioning the Gold Coast as a major player in the hockey world. Events span from state championships to international tournaments.

| Year | Event |
|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2024 | Mixed Masters Carnival - March 2024 HQLD U18 Girls State Championships - April 2024 U18 Boys / Girls National Championships - July 2024 School Sport U15 Nationals Boys / Girls - July / August 2024 Pan Pacific Masters Games - November 2024 |
| 2023 | Jillaroos vs Japan U21 women's series - February 2023 Men's Masters o60 Mixed Carnival - March 2023 Oceanic 5s - World Cup Qualifying Tournament - July 2023 UniSport Games - September 2023 |
| 2022 | Men's Masters o60 Mixed Carnival - March 2022 (Rained out) Hockey Australia Domestic Series March 2022 Qld School Sport 13-19 Girls State Championships - June 2022 HQLD u18 Boys State Championships - June 2022 Australian Men's Masters Tournament - September - October 2022 Pan Pac Masters Games - November 2022 |
| 2021 | Men's Masters o60 Carnival - February 2021 QLD Men's Masters State Championships - May 2021 HQLD Big Hockey Hit Out - August 2021 (COVID Affected) HQLD u15 Girls State Championships - September 2021 QLD Men's Masters Tournament October 2021 Masters Hockey Celebration Tournament November 2021 |
| 2020 | COVID caused a cancellation of many tournaments Ladies Masters Celebration - November 2020 QLD Men's Masters Challenge - November 2020 |
| 2019 | Trans-Tasman Masters AUS vs NZ Apr - May 2019 QSS 13-19 State Championships (Boys) May - June 2019 UniSport Games July 2019 Australian Ladies Masters September - October 2019 |
| 2018 | Commonwealth Games April - May 2018 UniSport Games Div2 July 2018 School Sport National Championships (Boys) August 2018 UniSport Games Div1 September 2018 AHL Finals Men/Women October 2018 Pan Pac Masters Games November 2018 |
| 2017 | NZ Blacksticks vs QLD Blades June 2017 (First Night GCHC opened) Uni Games September 2017 Qld Festival of Hockey September 2017 |

Engagement and Partnerships:

GCHA has a proven track record of successful collaboration with various stakeholders, including:

Engagement:

- Hon. Sam O'Connor State MP (Chair of Parliamentary Friends of Hockey)
- Local Councillor -Joe Wilkinson Div 7
- Mayor of Gold Coast - Tom Tate
- Mayor of Gold Coast Chief of Staff -Luke Wallace
- Global Sport Authorities, including FIH President Tayyab Ikram

Partnerships:

- Labrador Hockey Club
- Gold Coast Management Group

- Musgrave Ave Soccer Club, Knights Soccer Club, over 35's Soccer.

The Gold Coast Hockey Association is committed to contributing towards the region's broader Olympic activation strategy, maintaining the city's status as a premier hockey and sports hub in Australia.

Conclusion:

As the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games draw closer, the GCHA is keen to ensure that the Gold Coast Hockey Centre remains a focal point for elite and grassroots hockey. By ensuring that our venues align with international standards, we can unlock significant economic benefits from hosting major events, potentially delivering a return on investment (ROI) exceeding 20:1.

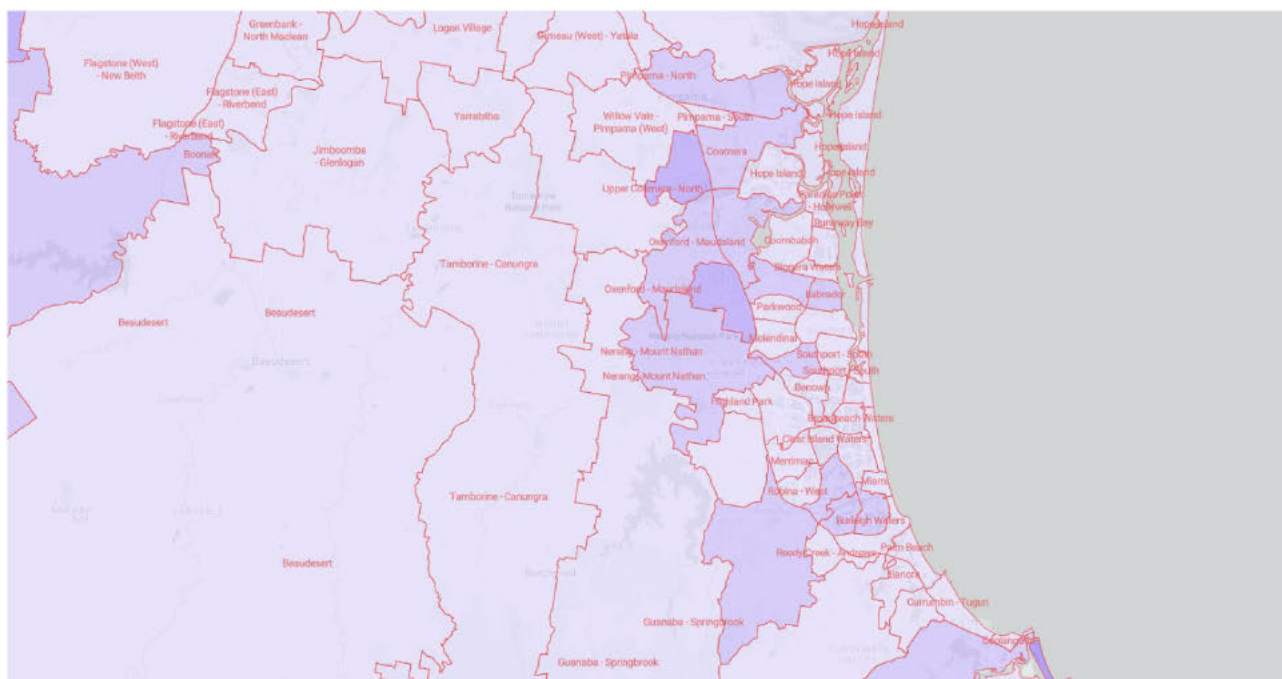
Legacy and growth in the sport of hockey on the Gold Coast must begin now. This proposal is more than just a plan for upgrades; it is a strategic investment in the future of hockey, fostering community engagement and securing the region's place on the global stage.

Gold Coast Heat Maps

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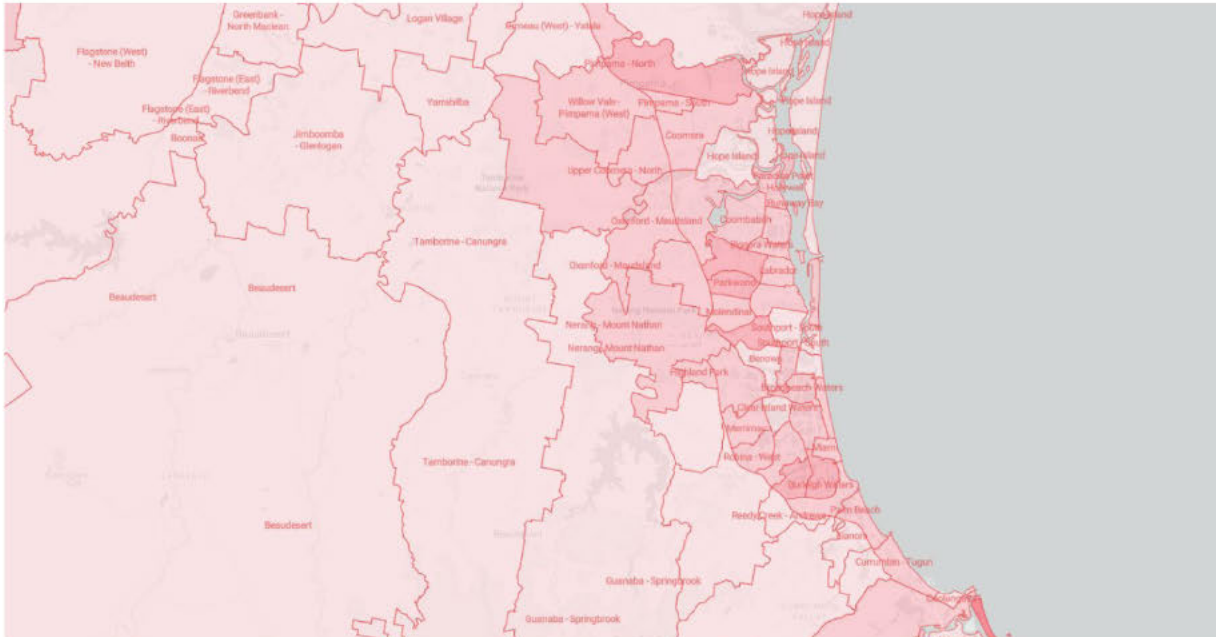
Current Playing Membership:

Number of registered members with Hockey Qld.



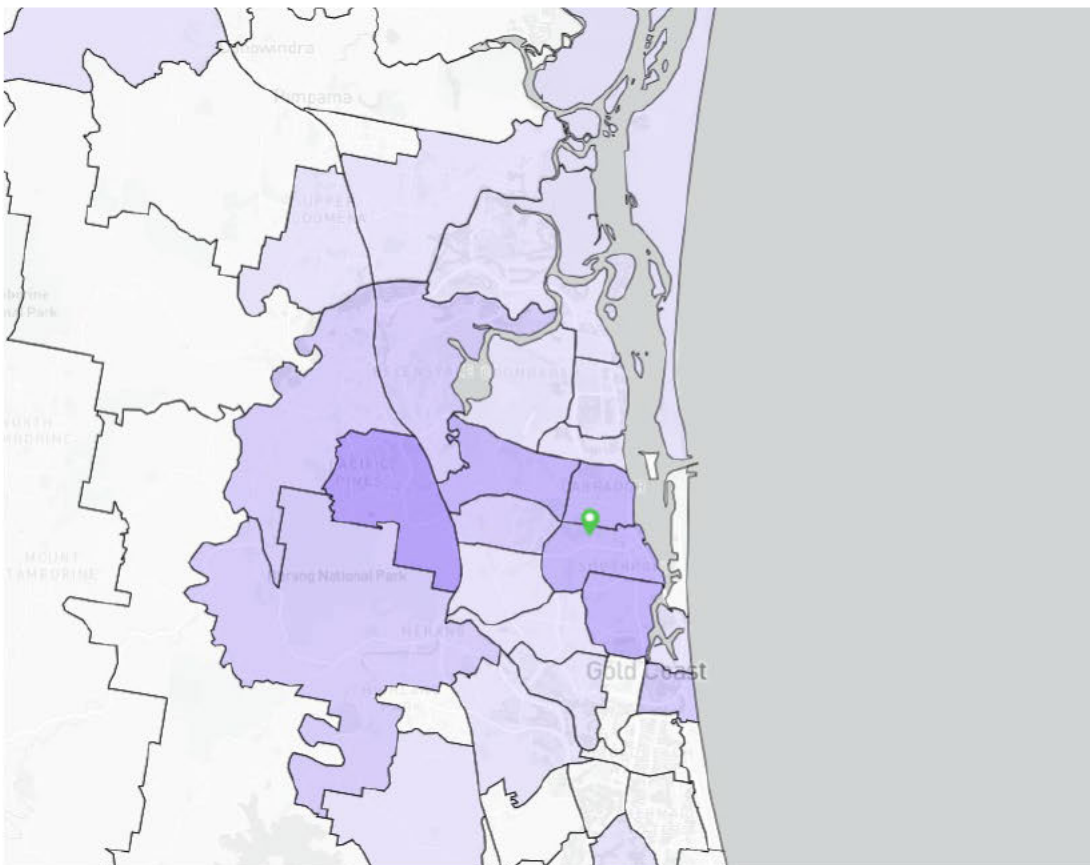
Demand for Hockey:

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Unmet Demand:

People likely to play hockey but are not currently playing



Gladstone and District Hockey Association

Association: Gladstone and District Hockey Association (GDHA)

Association Representative: Darren Cavanagh

Position: Secretary

2024 Membership: 269

Projected Membership Growth by 2034: 20%

Scope of Work:

The Gladstone and District Hockey Association (GDHA) is seeking Queensland Government support for much-needed infrastructure upgrades at its facility. The primary focus is on updating the existing amenities building and change rooms, which are currently insufficient to meet the needs of the association's members and visiting teams. This request is driven by:

- **Need for Facility Upgrades:** The current amenities and change room facilities are outdated and inadequate, requiring substantial improvement to accommodate both current usage and future demand.
- **Support for Regional Growth:** Enhancing these facilities is essential for meeting the projected increase in participation and for positioning Gladstone as a key location in the wider Queensland sport ecosystem.

Key Infrastructure Requirements:

GDHA has identified the following critical infrastructure projects that need to be addressed:

Upgrade of Amenities and Change Rooms

- **Requirements:**
Update and renovate the existing amenities and change room facilities to modern standards and meet universal design principles. Ensure the new facilities are accessible, accommodating the needs of all athletes, including those with disabilities.
- **Benefit:**
Provides an improved and more comfortable environment for players and visitors, making the venue more suitable for hosting events and supporting regional growth in the sport.

Indicative Costs:

- **Total Estimated Investment:** \$850,000

Note: The project costs mentioned above are preliminary estimates and may be subject to further detailed investigations. Additionally, GDHA is prepared to contribute financially to the projects in partnership with the Queensland Government.

How does the project enhance activations for 2032?

The proposed upgrades are crucial in aligning Gladstone with the broader objectives outlined for Brisbane 2032 and contributing to a lasting legacy of inclusion, accessibility, and talent development as envisioned in Elevate 2042.

- **Pathway Development:** Despite its relatively small population, Gladstone has a strong track record in producing high-performance athletes. The region has previously produced a national hockey player and currently has an athlete identified as a potential Olympic competitor for Brisbane 2032. These facility upgrades will further bolster the identification, nurturing, and development of local talent, contributing to the Olympic pathway for future high-performance athletes.

- **Legacy of Inclusion and Accessibility:** With the renovations designed to meet universal design principles, this project will create more inclusive facilities that cater to athletes of all abilities, including those with disabilities. The emphasis on ensuring accessibility aligns with the long-term goals of Elevate 2042, focusing on a legacy of enabling barrier-free participation for athletes of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities.

Securing these upgrades is therefore essential to integrating Gladstone into the broader Olympic Activation Strategy for Brisbane 2032. This will not only ensure the region fully participates in the increased focus on sport but also helps create a legacy that fosters inclusivity and accessibility for future generations, enhancing the community's commitment to ensuring everyone has the opportunity to engage in sport and develop their potential.

Event Experience and Hosting Expertise:

GDHA has hosted a variety of state-level championships, but the current infrastructure shortfalls are limiting its ability to attract a higher volume of sporting events. Gladstone would welcome the opportunity to host more events, which would boost sports tourism and contribute significantly to the local economy.

State Championships (Outdoor) since 2009:

| Year | Event |
|------|------------------------------|
| 2022 | U15 Girls State Championship |
| 2019 | U15 Girls State Championship |
| 2017 | U13 Boys State Championship |
| 2014 | U15 Girls State Championship |

By upgrading the facilities, GDHA would be better positioned to host a wider range of state and national tournaments. This would drive **economic benefits** through increased visitor engagement with local accommodation, dining, and tourist attractions, contributing to Gladstone's sports tourism industry.

Engagement and Partnerships:

GDHA has established key relationships with local government and private sector partners. These engagements are crucial in progressing the infrastructure upgrades needed to support the growth of hockey in the region and to ensure Gladstone can play a role in Queensland's sporting future.

Engagement:

- **Mayor:** Matt Burnett
- **State MP:** Glen Butcher (Member for Gladstone)
- **Local Councillor(s):** [to be filled in if applicable]

GDHA has initiated discussions with local and state government officials to stress the importance of these upgrades and ensure support for this critical project.

Partnerships:

- **McCosker Contractors:** Recently secured as a sponsor, McCosker Contractors will play an important role in supporting the association's efforts to revitalise the facilities and maintain a sustainable future for the sport within the region.

GDHA is also exploring potential partnerships with local **touch football associations**, which will help further enhance the community's engagement and maximise the broader use of upgraded facilities.

Conclusion:

The Gladstone and District Hockey Association is fully committed to improving its facilities, ensuring they meet the demands of today while securing future opportunities linked to Brisbane 2032 and its broader Elevate 2042 strategy. The proposed infrastructure upgrades go beyond just improving functionality—these developments are crucial for fostering increased participation, accessibility, and most importantly, supporting the inclusivity of our regional communities.

The emphasis on universal design and accessibility within these upgrades not only aligns with the inclusive legacy of Brisbane 2032 but also ensures that Gladstone can be a vital contributor to Queensland's Olympic journey. By creating facilities that welcome athletes of all abilities, we help build a more diverse and inclusive sports community, reflecting the long-term vision of Elevate 2042. Additionally, with track-records in high-performance athlete development, localised talent pathways, and greater hosting capabilities—enabled by these infrastructure improvements—Gladstone is well-positioned to become a hub for regional engagement, sports tourism, and athletic growth.

GDHA strongly believes that securing these upgrades will not only grow the sport of hockey locally but unlock vast opportunities for the region to host events that contribute to the local economy while enhancing Queensland's wider sport ecosystem. It will also provide a lasting legacy of fostering accessible and inclusive sports participation, creating benefits well beyond the Olympic Games.

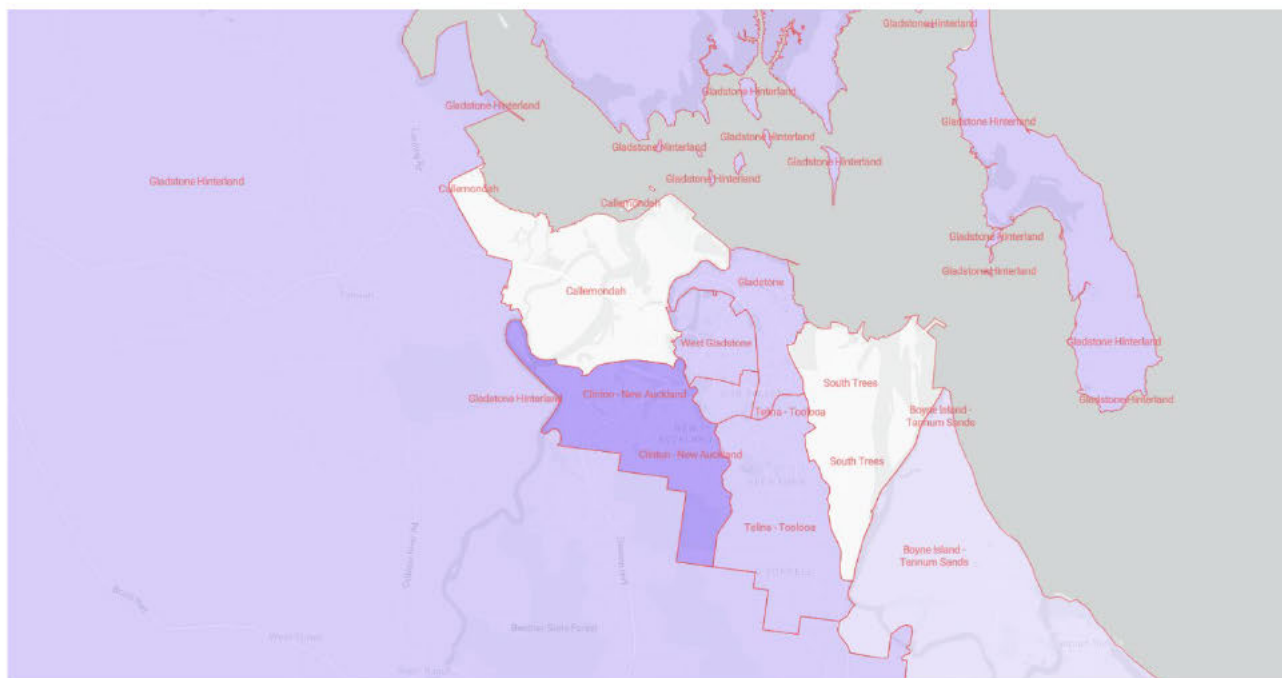
We call on the Government's support to ensure that Gladstone plays a meaningful role in Queensland's Brisbane 2032 Olympic pathway while generating a lasting regional legacy that benefits all athletes, residents, and visitors—now and into the future.

Gladstone & District Heat Maps

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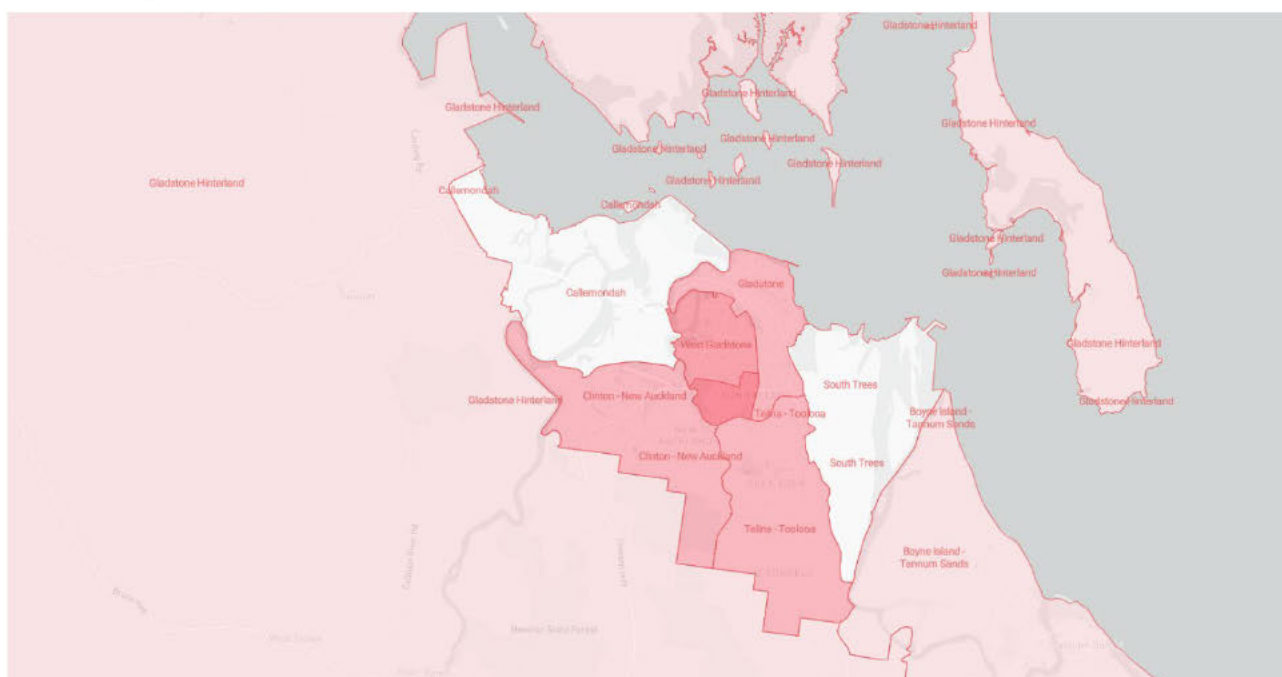
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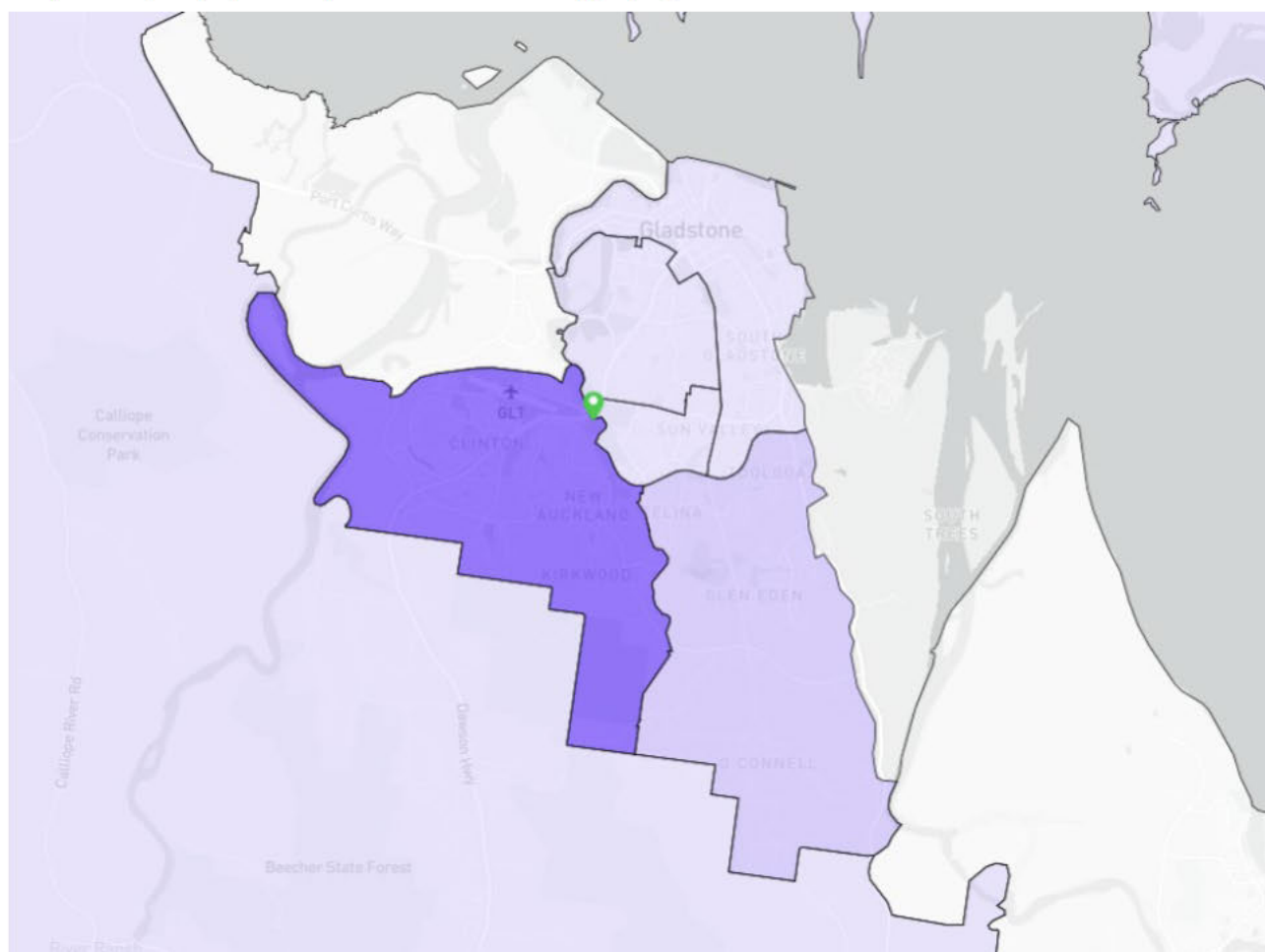
Demand for Hockey:

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Unmet Demand:

People likely to play hockey but are not currently playing



Gympie Hockey Association

Association: Gympie Hockey Association (GHA)

Association Representative: Ben Fitzpatrick

Position: Hockey Operations Manager

2024 Membership: 319

Projected Membership Growth by 2034: 17%

Scope of Work:

The Gympie Hockey Association (GHA) is seeking Queensland Government support for critical infrastructure upgrades to better accommodate the growing demand for hockey in the region. Gympie is experiencing rapid population growth due to cost-of-living pressures, affordable housing, and available land in surrounding areas such as the Sunshine Coast and Brisbane. The proposed upgrades also align with GHA's strategic goals of enhancing player development pathways, increasing participation, and strengthening the association's revenue streams.

GHA's request includes the following essential infrastructure projects:

- 1. Facility Expansion and Artificial Turf Upgrades:** Construction of an additional artificial turf field to handle increased participation and the ability to host different levels of competitions, along with essential upgrades to the current hybrid turf field.
- 2. Upgraded Clubhouse and Kitchen Facilities:** GHA also seeks to renovate its clubhouse, including a complete upgrade of the commercial kitchen. The kitchen is a key source of revenue, hosting event catering and other community activities. These improvements are critical for infrastructure sustainability, maintaining operations and ensuring diversified revenue generation.
- 3. Expansion of Parking Facilities:** Because of the growing number of participants and visitors, the association seeks to expand the existing parking facilities to serve players and spectators better.
- 4. Training Facility:** Construction of new facility to house strength and conditioning equipment, recovery area, education rooms and amenities to assist with development of club and representative players.

Key Infrastructure Requirements:

The following upgrades have been identified as crucial to the ongoing success of GHA:

1) New Artificial Turf Field

- **Requirements:** Construction of a new artificial turf field complete with lighting, fencing, and team facilities.
- **Benefit:** This will significantly increase the facility's capacity for training and competition, better accommodating the growing hockey participation numbers in the region.

2) Upgrade of Existing Hybrid Turf Field

- **Requirements:** Renovation of the current hybrid turf field to maintain safety and meet performance standards for high-level play.
- **Benefit:** Ensures the field remains in top condition to meet both current and future demand, improving durability and play conditions.

3) Clubhouse and Commercial Kitchen Upgrade

- **Requirements:** Renovation of the clubhouse to enhance its usability, along with a complete refurbishment of the commercial kitchen.
- **Benefit:** The commercial kitchen generates essential revenue to help sustain Gympie Hockey's operations, including catering for events and community bookings. The upgrade will allow the association to better diversify revenue streams while also providing a more inviting facility for players and visitors.

4) Additional Parking

- **Requirements:** Expansion of car parking facilities to accommodate the growing number of athletes, spectators, and teams visiting the facility for competitions.

- **Benefit:** Improves accessibility and convenience while supporting increased participation and event hosting capabilities.

5) Training Facility

- **Requirements:** Construction of new facility to house strength and conditioning equipment, recovery area, education rooms and amenities.
- **Benefit:** construction of a new training facility will assist with the player development programs for local and representative teams and increase the ability to accommodate the training requirements of academy, state, national and international squads.

Total Estimated Investment:

The entire project is expected to cost approximately \$3 million, covering the new artificial turf field, field upgrades, clubhouse and kitchen renovations, expanded parking facilities and new training facility.

| Infrastructure Key Projects | Estimated Investment |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| New Artificial Turf Field | \$1.2 million |
| Upgrade of Existing Hybrid Turf Field | \$600,000 |
| Clubhouse and Commercial Kitchen Renovations | \$450,000 |
| Parking Expansion | \$250,000 |
| Training Facility | \$500,000 |
| Total Estimated Investment | \$3 million |

Please note these costs are preliminary estimates and are subject to further detailed investigations. GHA is prepared to contribute financially to these projects in partnership with the Queensland Government.

How Does the Project Enhance Activations for Brisbane 2032?

These infrastructure upgrades position GHA at the forefront of Queensland's long-term sporting development, especially in the lead-up to Brisbane 2032. GHA's strategic enhancements directly support increased participation, athlete development, and the growth of regional hockey talent, ensuring that Gympie plays a vital role in Queensland's Olympic legacy.

- **Talent Pathway Development:** Upgraded facilities will allow Gympie to improve its player development programs, nurturing more athletes capable of competing at state, national, and international levels. Currently, Gympie has four (4) identified players in the talent pipeline for Brisbane 2032. The proposed improvements will be essential to supporting their development.
- **Regional Population Growth:** As Gympie region's population is rapidly expanding, GHA is uniquely positioned to become a centre for community engagement and sporting excellence. Providing modern, safe, and high-quality facilities will help attract new players and support the growth of hockey in the region.
- **Long-term Legacy:** By upgrading infrastructure now, GHA will ensure that Gympie can contribute to Queensland's broader Olympic vision, with facilities that can support training camps, competitions, and events leading into and beyond Brisbane 2032.

Event Experience and Hosting Expertise:

GHA has a well-established history of hosting events from the mid-1980's, when it was the second association in Queensland to install an artificial surface in 1986:

Previous activities include:

- Under 16 Boys State Championships 2024
- Under 16 Girls State Championships 2021
- Masters Women's State Championships 2017
- Under 15 Girls State Championships 2016
- Masters Over 35 Men's State Championships 2014
- Secondary Schoolboys State Championships 2012

- Under 13 Girls State Championships 2011

Engagement and Partnerships:

GHA has a strong record of collaborating with local stakeholders and exploring partnerships that support the development of hockey in Gympie and throughout the region.

Engagements:

- **State MP:** Tony Perrett
- **Federal MP:** Llew O'Brien
- **Local Councillor:** Warren Polley
- **Mayor:** Glen Hartwig

Partnerships:

- **Local Schools Program:** Over the years, GHA has run a local inter-primary school hockey tournament that engages **over 20 primary school teams**, fostering grassroots participation in the sport and encouraging early athletic development.
- **Community Partnerships:** GHA has developed strong partnerships with local dance academies, showcasing how its facilities serve broader community recreational needs.

Moving forward, GHA intends to continue expanding its partnerships to include additional regional stakeholders, reinforcing the association's role as a key community resource.

Conclusion:

The Gympie Hockey Association is committed to expanding and enhancing its facilities to meet the growing population's needs, increase player participation, and contribute to the broader Brisbane 2032 legacy. The proposed infrastructure development projects will ensure that Gympie can nurture the talent pathway of the region's identified athletes for Brisbane 2032 and beyond while providing modern, sustainable facilities for the entire community.

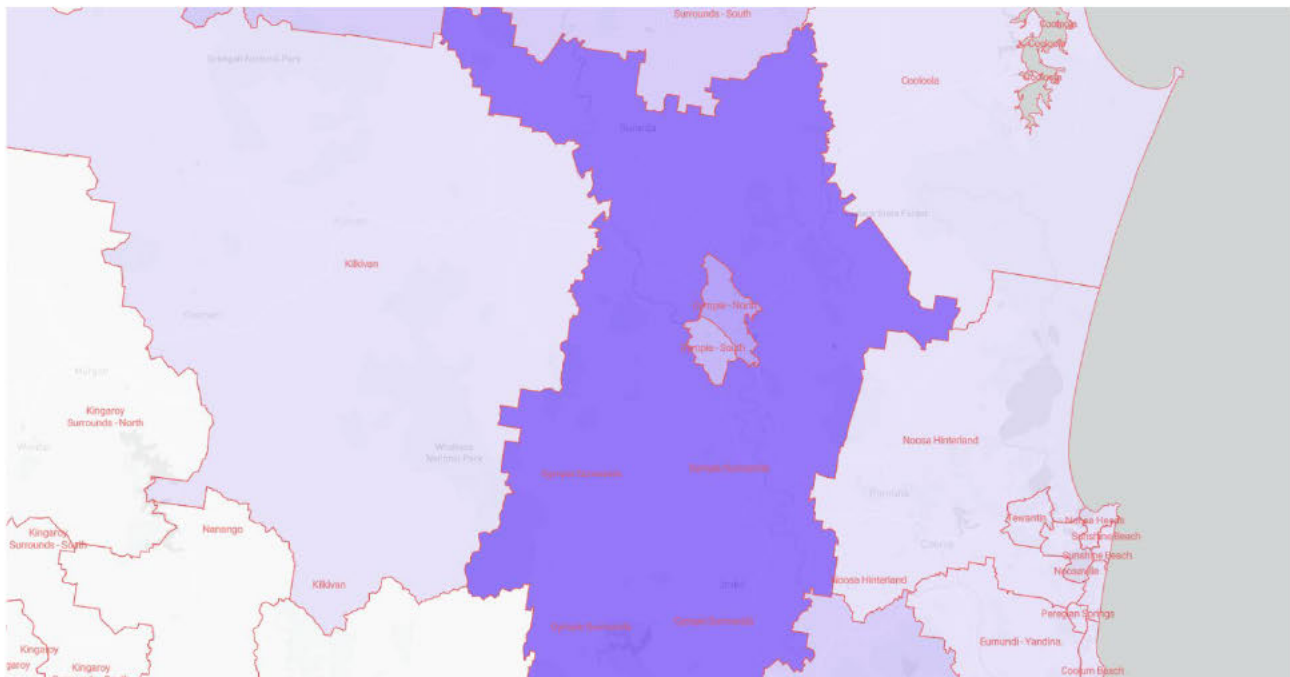
The support of the Queensland Government is essential to realising these goals, ensuring that Gympie becomes an integral part of the Olympic movement and pioneers a lasting athletic legacy for generations to come.

Gympie Heat Maps

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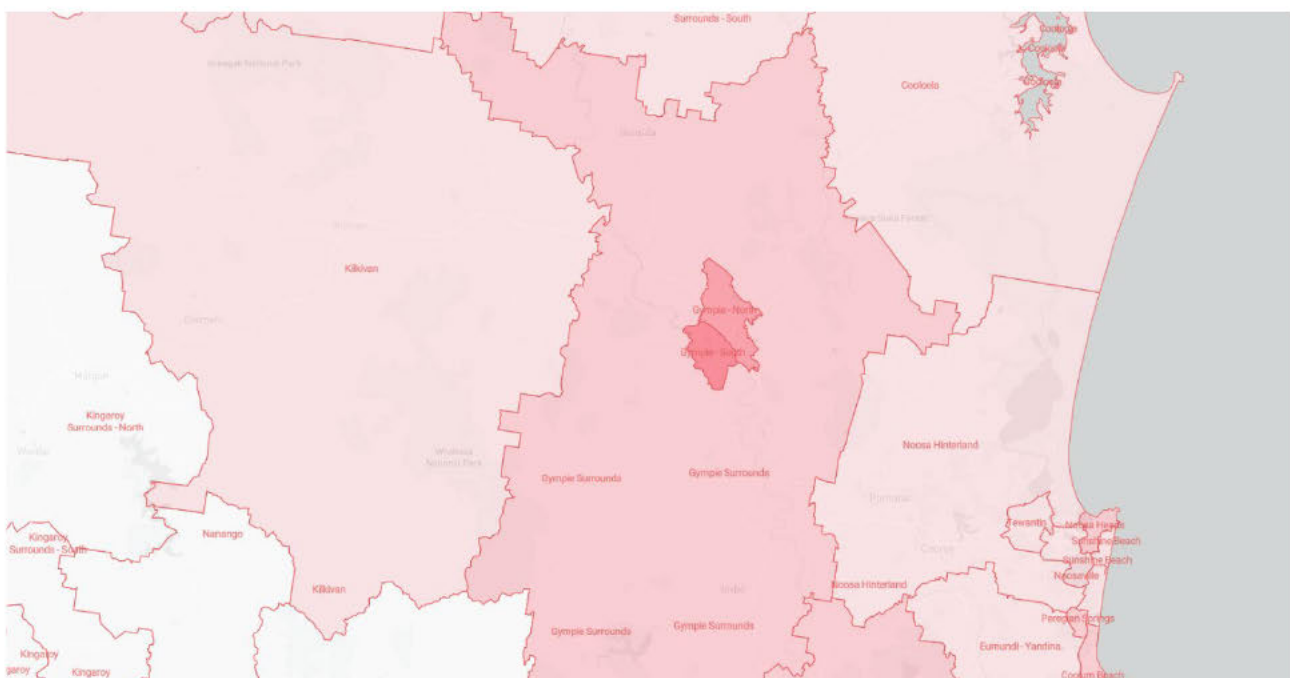
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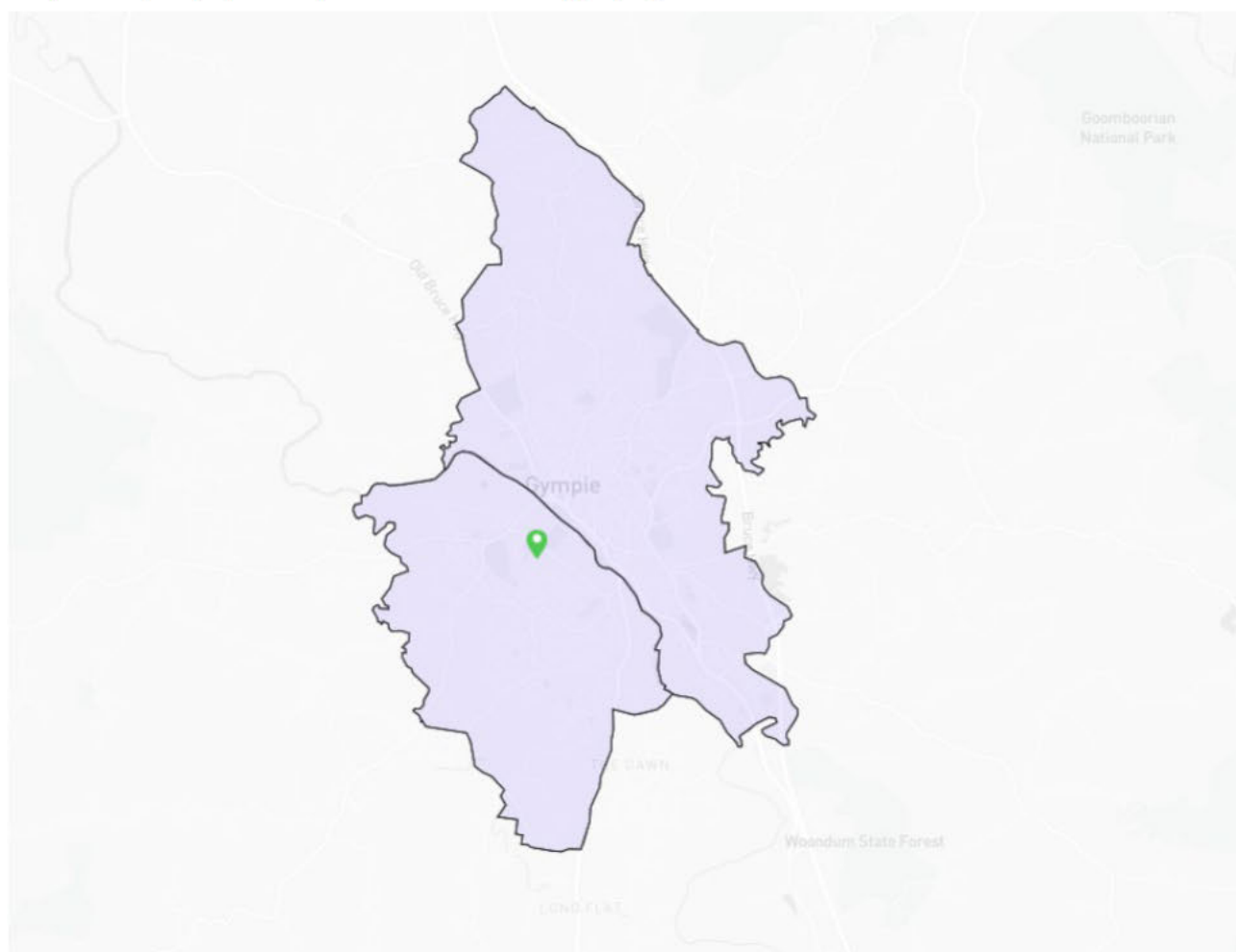
Demand for Hockey:

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Unmet Demand:

People likely to play hockey but are not currently playing



Ipswich Hockey Association

Association: Ipswich Hockey Association (IHA)

Association Representative: Jay Memory

Position: President

2024 Membership: 1,196 (4% Growth on 2023)

Projected Membership Growth by 2034: 29%

Scope of Work:

The Ipswich Hockey Association (IHA) is seeking Queensland Government support for substantial infrastructure upgrades to its facilities. These upgrades are essential to accommodate the growing demand, enhance the player experience, and position Ipswich as a key hockey venue in the lead-up to the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games. This request is based on:

- **Facility Upgrades:** The current infrastructure is aging and requires significant upgrades to meet both immediate and future demands. There is a particular focus on improving change rooms and upgrading fields.
- **Growth Requirements:** With membership projected to rise by 29% by 2034, the current facilities cannot support this growth. Immediate action is necessary to scale the facility in alignment with IHA's future needs.

Key Infrastructure Requirements:

IHA has identified several critical infrastructure projects needed to maintain and enhance its facilities:

1) Upgrade Change Room Facilities for Field 1

- Install new flooring
- Add new seating
- Install a whiteboard
- Ensure all doors are functional and lockable
- Apply fresh paint

Benefit: Improved space for teams to prepare, debrief, and enhance the overall player experience.

2) Build Change Rooms for Field 2

- Construct new change rooms where none currently exist

Benefit: Provides players with proper facilities for changing, private discussions, and weather protection, improving their welfare and supporting event hosting.

3) Replace Hybrid Field

- Replace the current turf with a new surface
- Minimal shockpad replacement expected, depending on assessments after removal of old turf.

Benefit: Ensures a high-quality playing surface that meets current standards.

4) Replace Water-Based Field 1

- Replace aging turf and shockpad, both nearing the end of their lifecycle

Benefit: Maintains high safety and compliance with FIH standards.

5) Complete Irrigation for Two Additional Grass Fields

- Install irrigation systems
- Add additional lighting to Field 3 so it can be used for games

Benefit: Extends usability of fields and ensures they remain in good condition throughout the year for games and training.

6) Add Sun Protection Shelters

Benefit: Increases comfort for spectators by offering protection from the weather during events.

7) Increase Seating for Spectators

Benefit: Enhances the association's capability to host larger events by providing adequate seating, an essential requirement for hosting state and national competitions.

Indicative Costs:

- **Total Estimated Investment:** \$6.75 million

Note: These are preliminary estimates and may be subject to further detailed investigation. IHA is prepared to financially contribute to the project in partnership with the Queensland Government.

How does the project enhance activations for Brisbane 2032?

For IHA to fully participate and contribute to Brisbane 2032, it is crucial that the fields meet FIH certification standards and that end-of-life assets are upgraded. These improvements are also essential to meet the growing participation levels in the Ipswich region.

The proposed upgrades, particularly the replacement of turf and lighting, are designed to ensure both fields achieve the necessary FIH Level 2 or 3 certification. This certification is a prerequisite for hosting international training camps and high-level events in the lead-up to Brisbane 2032.

With IHA's FIH-compliant fields, Ipswich will be well-positioned to:

- **Host Olympic Pre-Training Camps:** IHA's enhanced facilities will attract international teams to conduct pre-Olympic training, bringing additional visibility to the region.
- **Organise Pre-Olympic Events:** IHA will be able to secure international competitions in the lead-up to Brisbane 2032, showcasing Ipswich as a critical location within Queensland's Olympic activation strategy.
- **Accelerate Regional Engagement:** IHA's upgraded infrastructure will support state and national events, providing opportunities for local athlete development and participation pathways towards Brisbane 2032.

Player Development:

Ipswich has a strong history of producing talented athletes. The organisation has produced six (6) National players, including three (3) Olympians. Currently, six (6) players have been identified as potential competitors for Brisbane 2032. Upgrading IHA's facilities is not just about operational improvements—it's about ensuring that Ipswich remains a hub for nurturing future hockey talent, contributing directly to the Olympic talent pipeline.

Event Experience and Hosting Expertise:

Ipswich Hockey Association has a proven track record of hosting major local and state-level championships, demonstrating its capability to deliver high-quality events. The infrastructure upgrades proposed will enable Ipswich to host even larger and more prestigious events in the future, aligning with increased player growth and local demand.

International Games (Outdoor):

| Year | Event |
|------|---------------------------|
| 2003 | Kookaburras v Netherlands |
| 2005 | Hockeyroos v Korea |

State Championships (Outdoor) since 2009:

| Year | Event |
|------|----------------------------------|
| 2024 | U14 Girls State Championship |
| 2022 | U13 Girls State Championship |
| 2019 | U18 Women's State Championship |
| 2018 | U18 Women's State Championship |
| 2017 | U18 Men's State Championship |
| 2015 | Men's Masters State Championship |
| 2014 | U18 Men's State Championship |
| 2013 | U15 Girls State Championship |
| 2012 | U18 Women's State Championship |
| 2009 | Men's Masters State Championship |

Queensland School Sport

| Year | Event |
|------|------------------------------------|
| 2022 | 10-12 Boys and Girls 13-19 Boys |
| 2020 | 10-12 Boys and Girls |
| 2018 | 13-19 Girls |
| 2017 | 13-19 Boys |

IHA's past performance as a host demonstrates its capacity to deliver major hockey events, including international matches. With proposed future upgrades, these hosting capabilities will expand further, allowing Ipswich to bid for events like national championships, driving sports tourism and economic benefit for the region.

Engagement and Partnerships:

IHA is actively engaging with local and state government officials to gain support for their infrastructure projects.

Engagement:

- **State MP:** Jennifer Howard, Member for Ipswich
- **Mayor:** Teresa Harding
- **Federal Member for Blair:** Hon Shayne Neumann MP

Partnerships:

IHA is currently exploring additional partnerships with local organisations to maximise the benefits of infrastructure upgrades:

- **Potential institutional partnerships** with local organisations and services, enabling multi-sport and community hub development.

Conclusion:

The Ipswich Hockey Association is committed to ensuring the Ipswich region is fully prepared to engage with all opportunities presented by Brisbane 2032. The proposed infrastructure upgrades are not just about meeting current capacity needs; they are about setting the stage for long-term growth and success in the lead-up to the Olympic Games.

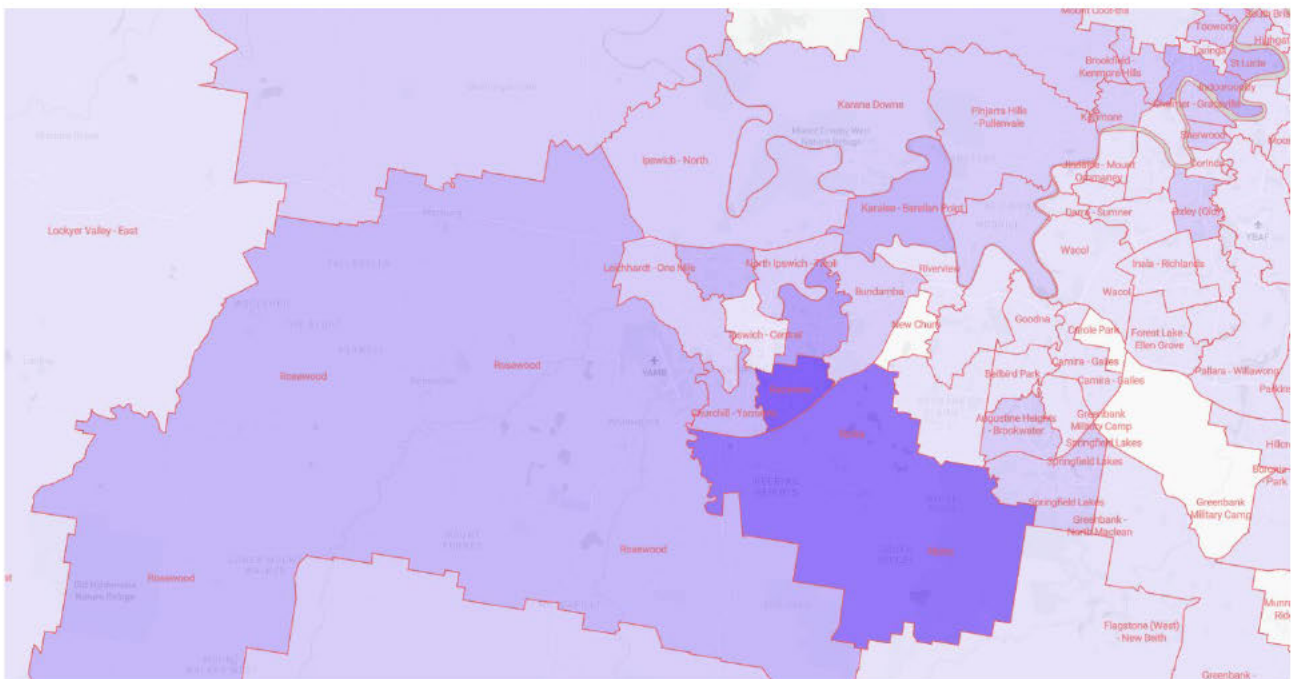
Support from the Queensland Government is essential in advancing these objectives, enabling Ipswich to play a meaningful role in the Olympic movement and leaving a lasting legacy of enhanced sports infrastructure and regional development.

Ipswich Heat Maps

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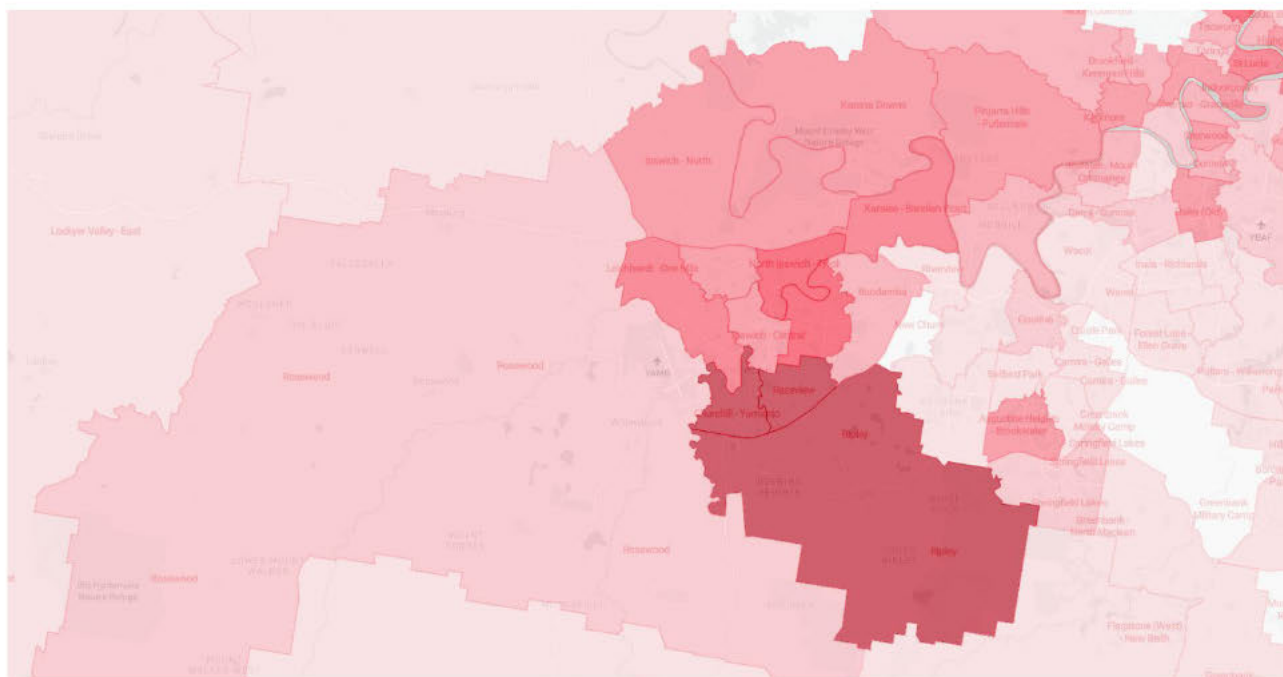
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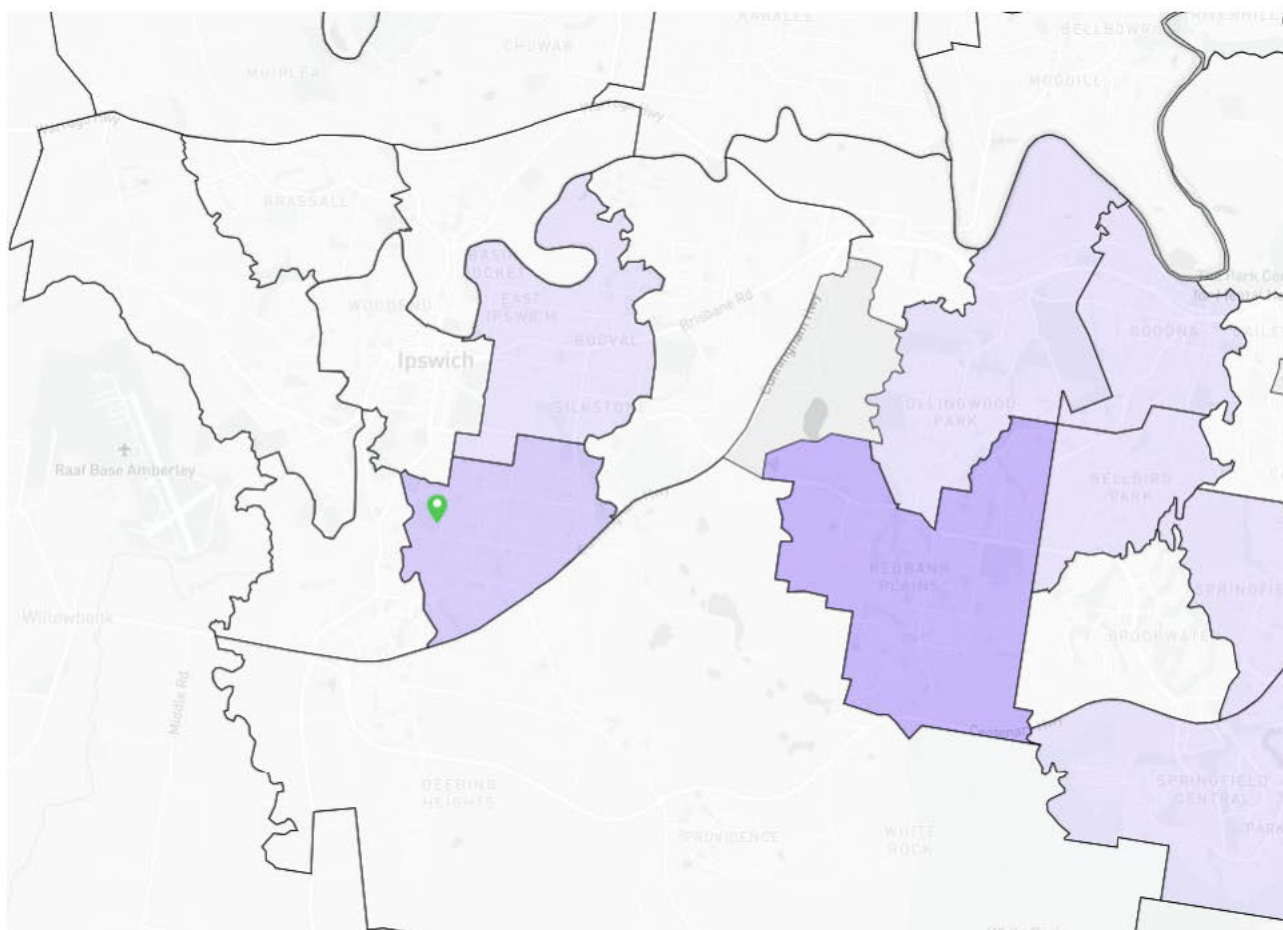
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Unmet Demand:

People likely to play hockey but are not currently playing



Mackay Hockey Association

Association: Mackay Hockey Association (MHA)

Association Representative: Melissa Sorensen

Position: President & Treasurer

2024 Membership: 812

Projected Membership Growth by 2034: 15%

Scope of Work:

The Mackay Hockey Association (MHA) is requesting Queensland Government support for an ambitious infrastructure upgrade plan designed to meet the growing demand for high-quality hockey training and competition facilities in the region. The two-phase request focuses on the construction of an Indoor Hockey Hall to support local competitions, State and National Championships and Mackay's high performing athletes. As well as upgrading the existing outdoor sand-based field to an internationally certified competition surface. In addition to benefiting the hockey community, these developments will also provide shared high-performance services to the local sporting community, including a partnership with the Mackay Cutters Women's Team.

MHA has a proud history of producing talented athletes, with 9 national hockey players, 2 currently in the HA program and 8 of whom are Olympians. Presently, 11 players have been identified as high-potential athletes for Brisbane 2032. MHA is a vital hub for regional hockey development, and these upgrades are critical in continuing that legacy while further contributing to Queensland's preparations for the upcoming 2032 Olympic Games (Brisbane 2032).

Key Infrastructure Requirements:

1) Indoor Hockey Hall and High-Performance Centre

a. Construction of Indoor Hockey Hall

- **Description:** The construction of an Indoor Hockey Hall at Mackay's existing hockey facilities. This venue is critical for hosting indoor hockey state tournaments, which MHA currently runs using rented facilities. The new hall will also become a Centre of Excellence, supporting the development of local high-performance athletes with modern recovery and training amenities. Within the Indoor Hockey centre there will be a high-performance Centre of Excellence, complete with dedicated gym space, recovery facilities, and services aimed at nurturing talent across multiple sports.

During the 2024 Queensland election the LNP committed \$800,000 to the development of the Indoor Hall. This contribution has been gratefully welcomed, however there is still a shortfall of \$700,000 the Club and Council will need to find to complete the project.

- **Partnerships:** The facility will also be used by the Mackay Cutters Women's Team for performance training, strengthening Mackay's commitment to multi-sport collaboration.

2) Outdoor Field Upgrades and Lighting

a. Upgrade of Existing Sand-based Field

- **Timeline:** Estimated for completion around 2029.
- **Description:** The current sand-based field will be upgraded to an FIH certified Level 2 or 3 turf pitch. This upgrade is crucial for ensuring that Mackay can host higher-level competitions and training camps.

- **Benefit:** An FIH-certified field will allow Mackay to host national and international level competitions, providing a further boost to the city's sporting tourism industry and ensuring the facility remains fit-for-purpose as a legacy for Brisbane 2032.
- b. **Lighting Upgrade for Grass Field**
 - **Description:** Installation of LED lighting on the grass field to allow night-time training and extended usage of the grounds.
 - **Benefit:** Improved lighting will allow for more player participation, extended training hours, and more flexibility in scheduling local competitions.
 - **Estimated Cost:** [Insert Estimated Cost]

Indicative Costs for Phases One and Two:

| Infrastructure Key Projects | Estimated Investment |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Indoor Hockey Hall Construction (MHA contributing) | \$1.5 million |
| Performance Facilities (Gym, Recovery Equipment, etc.) | TBD |
| Upgrade of Sand-based Field to FIH Certified Level 2/3 Pitch | \$600,000 |
| Lighting for Grass Field | \$500,000 |

Note: The project costs mentioned above are preliminary estimates and may be subject to further detailed investigations. Additionally, CHA is prepared to contribute financially (where able) to the projects in partnership with the Queensland Government

How Does the Project Enhance Activations for Brisbane 2032?

The Mackay Hockey Association plays a critical role in the development of hockey in North Queensland and beyond. Its contributions to player development, including the production of 9 national players, 8 of whom are Olympians, make it a crucial pipeline for Queensland's hockey talent. In addition, 11 athletes identified as potential Olympic competitors for 2032 rely on Mackay's development infrastructure.

These upgrades will support Mackay in continuing its tradition of creating elite athletes by providing modern and safe facilities for both indoor and outdoor hockey. Additionally, this project enhances regional engagement by:

- **Hosting Local and State Events:** The Indoor Hockey Hall will afford Mackay the opportunity to independently host state hockey tournaments, further boosting regional competition participation and reducing reliance on rented spaces.
- **Supporting High-Performance Training:** The introduction of recovery and performance facilities will create pathways for Olympic-level training within Mackay, allowing athletes to train at a Centre of Excellence that meets national and international standards.
- **Boosting Regional Economic and Sports Engagement:** By upgrading the outdoor sand-based field, Mackay will become a venue for national and international competitions that will, in turn, generate economic benefits via sports tourism. Marketing Mackay as a pre-Olympic training ground for elite athletes will build awareness of its sporting resources and attract international teams in the lead-up to Brisbane 2032.

Event Experience and Hosting Expertise:

Mackay Hockey Association (MHA) has a proven track record of successfully hosting major outdoor and indoor state championships. Over the last decade, MHA has consistently delivered high-quality

competitions, attracting participants from across the state and contributing to the local economy through sports tourism. Mackay's ability to host annual championships reflects its organisational expertise and its facility's growing importance as a hub for hockey events in Queensland.

Outdoor State Championships:

Since 2012, MHA has welcomed competitors for a series of outdoor state championships, held on their outdoor sand-based field. Mackay has demonstrated its capacity to plan, organise, and conduct high-performance events, accommodating athletes and spectators to an exceptional standard. Notable outdoor events include:

- 2013: U13 Girls State Championships
- 2016: U15 Boys State Championships
- 2018: U13 Boys State Championships, Men's Masters State Championships
- 2019: Women's Masters State Championships
- 2022: U15 Boys State Championships
- 2023: U15 Girls State Championships

These championships have cemented Mackay's reputation for hosting elite outdoor competitions, providing opportunities not only for local talent to perform but also for teams from across Queensland to experience Mackay's sporting infrastructure.

Indoor State Championships:

Since 2018, Mackay has been a major host of the Queensland indoor hockey circuit, running state indoor tournaments despite currently relying on rented facilities. Mackay's dedication to promoting indoor hockey is evident through its regular hosting of the U13 state championships, showcasing the Association's versatility in managing large-scale events across multiple formats. Events include:

- 2019: U13 Girls Indoor State Championships
- 2020: U13 Boys and U13 Girls Indoor State Championships
- 2021: U13 Boys and U13 Girls Indoor State Championships
- 2022: U13 Boys and U13 Girls Indoor State Championships
- 2023: U13 Boys and U13 Girls Indoor State Championships
- 2024: U13 Boys and U13 Girls Indoor State Championships (upcoming)

Notably, the consistent hosting of these indoor championships highlights the growing demand for a dedicated Indoor Hockey Hall in Mackay. With a new indoor facility, Mackay will be able to host such championships independently, further enhancing its capacity to showcase regional talent and contribute to the sport's development.

Economic and Community Impact:

Every state championship MHA hosts provides significant economic benefits to Mackay in terms of accommodation, dining, and tourism. By attracting large groups of athletes, their families, and hockey enthusiasts, each tournament brings increased spending in the local community. The championships also serve to boost engagement with the sport locally, inspiring young athletes in Mackay to pursue hockey at higher levels and offering exposure to the pathways that lead to elite competition.

With its already demonstrated event-hosting expertise, Mackay Hockey Association is poised to expand these benefits further once the proposed Indoor Hockey Hall and outdoor FIH-certified field upgrades are

completed. These developments will secure Mackay's place as a premier venue for both national and international competitions leading up to Brisbane 2032

Engagement and Partnerships:

Mackay Hockey Association has a strong history of collaboration with stakeholders across the region to promote hockey and engage the community in healthy, active lifestyles.

Engagement:

- **Mackay City Council:** Ongoing collaboration to maintain and develop community sporting facilities.
- **Local MPs and Queensland Government Officials:**
Mayor Greg Williamson and Mackay Regional Council
Andrew Willcox – Member for Dawson
Amanda Camm – Member for Whitsunday
Nigel Dalton – LNP candidate for Macaky
Julieanne Gilbert – Member for Mackay

Partnerships:

- **Mackay Cutters Women's Team:** Partnering with MHA to share high-performance facilities within the Indoor Hockey Hall.
- **Local Schools Program:** MHA oversees the provision of hockey programs to schools across Mackay, fostering grassroots participation in the sport and encouraging athletic development from an early age.
- **Bowen Hockey Association** – collaboration to allow Bowen to use the facilities as required as they do not have artificial surfaces. They come to Mackay 3 times a year to participate.

Conclusion:

Mackay Hockey Association is dedicated to securing the infrastructure necessary to sustain the future of hockey in North Queensland while contributing to Brisbane's Olympic legacy in 2032. The successful implementation of **Phase One** and **Phase Two** will enable MHA to continue developing local talent, attract higher levels of competition, and provide world-class facilities for both the hockey community and other local athletes.

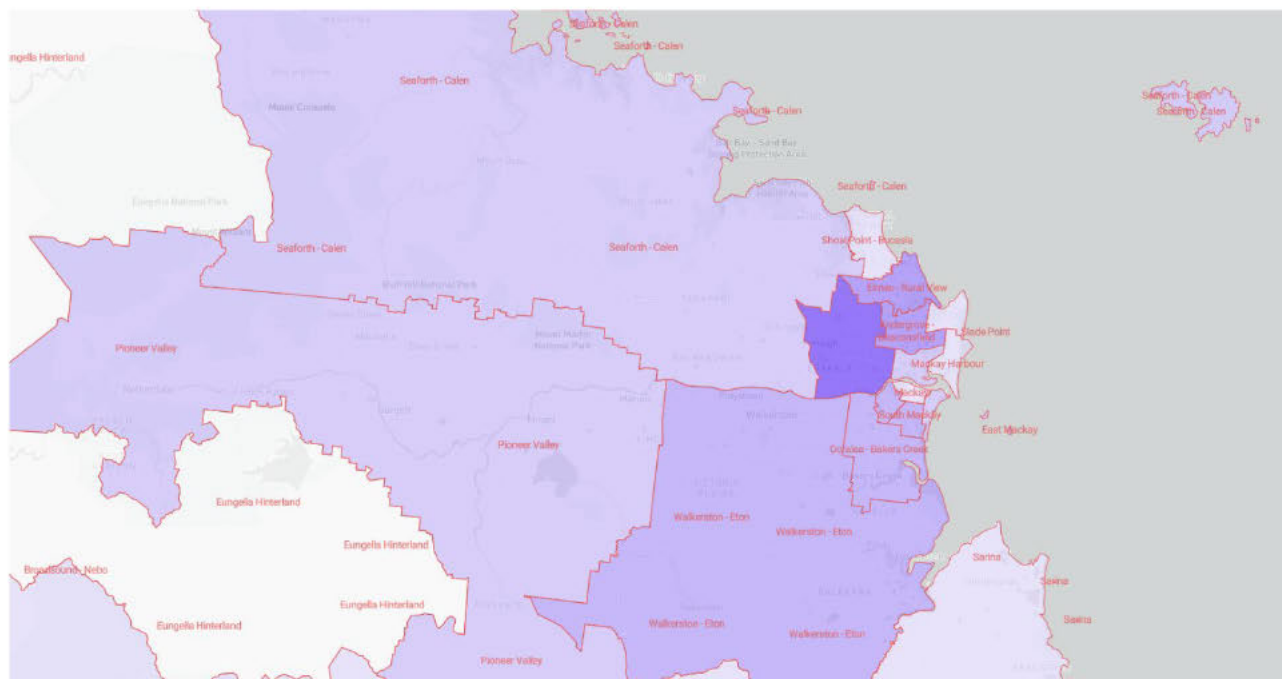
Government support is essential to bringing this vision to life. By investing in these projects, the Queensland Government will be ensuring that Mackay remains a critical piece of the state's sporting infrastructure in the years leading up to Brisbane 2032 and beyond.

Mackay Heat Maps

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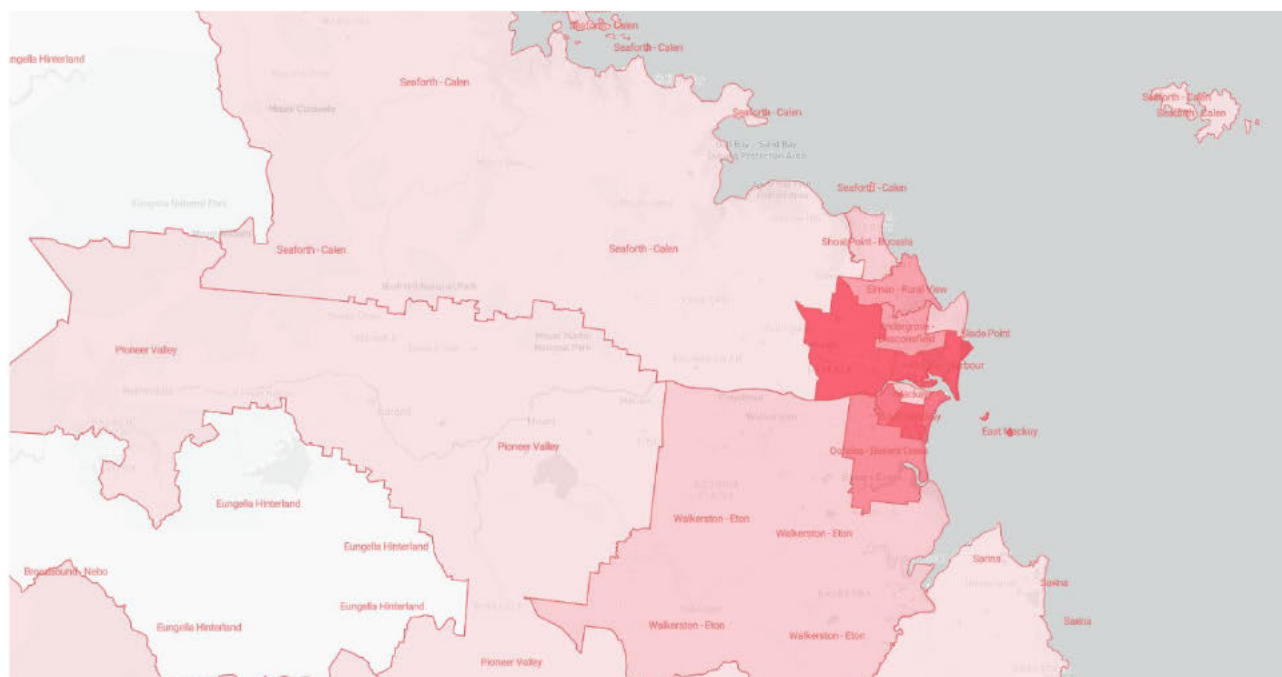
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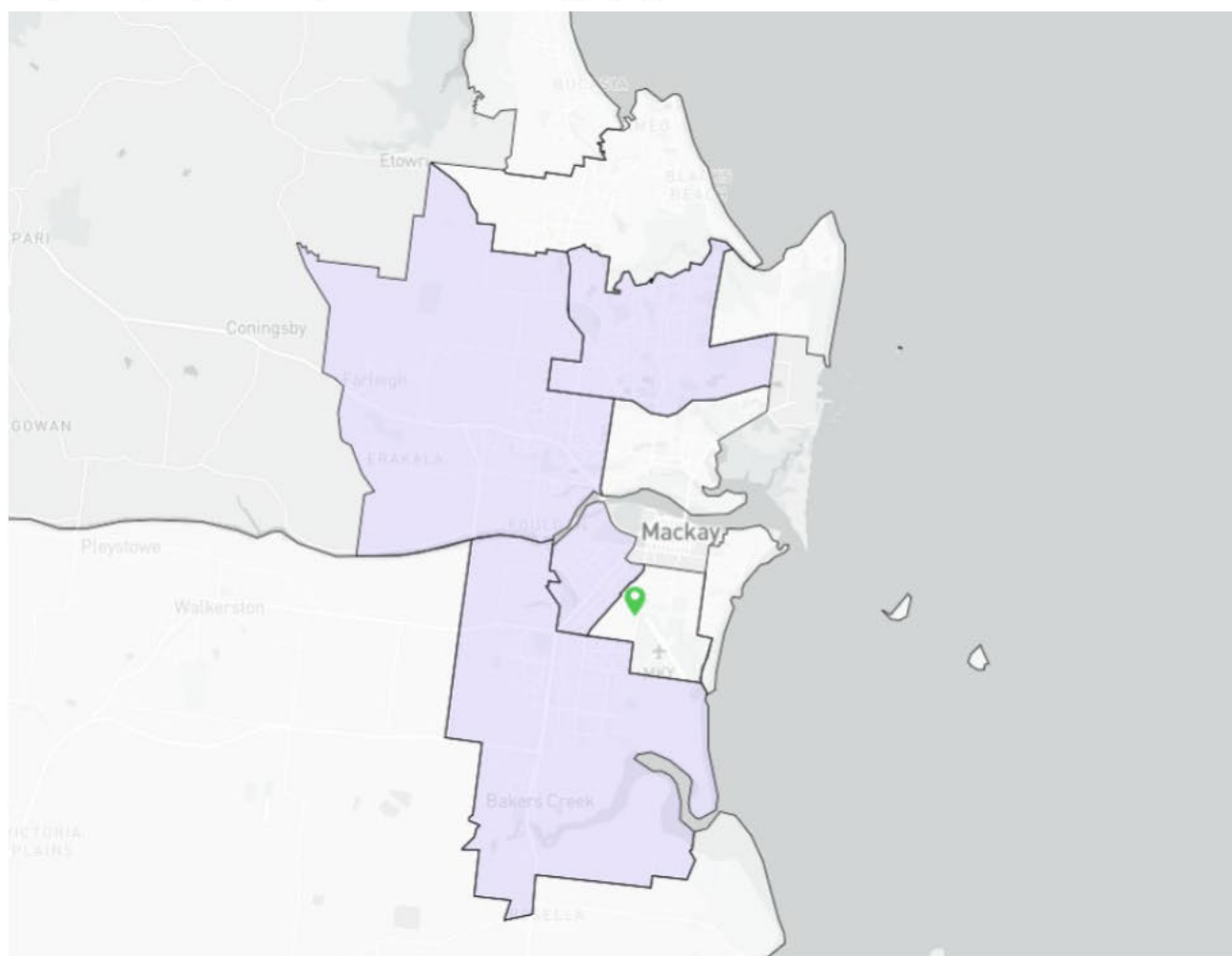
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Unmet Demand:

People likely to play hockey but are not currently playing



Maryborough and District Hockey Association

Association: Maryborough and Districts Hockey Association (MDHA)

Association Representative: Tony Quail

Position: President

2024 Membership: 372

Projected Membership Growth by 2034: 22%

Scope of Work:

The Maryborough and District Hockey Association (MDHA) is seeking Queensland Government support for critical infrastructure upgrades to its facility. These upgrades are essential to maintaining the association's standing as a key regional hockey hub and preparing for potential engagements related to the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games.

Key Infrastructure Requirements:

- Installation of a second Artificial playing field of International Standard - \$2,700,000.00
- Upgrade the foundations of Artificial Playing Field 1 to meet international standards, and replace playing surface and underlay - \$1,400,000.00
- Build new men's and women's change room facilities, incorporating undercover seating, to service both Artificial playing fields - \$2,400,000.00

Key Infrastructure Benefits:

MDHA has identified several critical infrastructure projects that are needed to maintain and improve their facilities. The benefits will be:

1) Installation of second Artificial Playing Field of International Standard

- Create the opportunity to host visiting Countries Men's and Women's teams to train and acclimatise in the lead up to the Olympic Games in 2032
- Create the opportunity to host National League Hockey games
- Increase opportunities to host Australian and State Hockey Championships
- Increase opportunities to host National and State development training camps
- Provide better facilities for the development of our local elite players
- Create equal opportunity to play all elite competition games on Artificial Surfaces

2) Replacement of Artificial Playing Surface and Shock Pad

- Ensures the safety and quality of the playing surface while meeting current standards for high-performance hockey.
- The same benefits as per Infrastructure project 1

3) Construction of New Men's and Women's Change Rooms

- Provide an international standard facility to support the benefits in Projects 1 & 2
- Supports the association's capacity to host larger events
- Enhances the overall experience for both players and spectators.
- Provides a private and safe environment when preparing for, and on completion of games.

Indicative Costs:

Total Estimated Investment: \$6.5 million

Note: The project costs mentioned above are preliminary estimates and may be subject to further detailed investigations. Additionally, MDHA is prepared to contribute financially to the projects in partnership with the Queensland Government.

How does the project enhance activations for 2032?

These infrastructure upgrades are vital in positioning Maryborough to engage and contribute to the opportunities presented by Brisbane 2032:

- **Visiting Teams:** Upgraded facilities will make Maryborough an attractive option for visiting teams needing a base for training or pre-competition preparations. Having the same climate and being only 2.5 hours' drive/train ride or a 55 min flight from Brisbane and on the doorstep of Hervey Bay, it makes Maryborough an ideal location.
- **Event Hosting:** With enhanced facilities, the MDHA will be better positioned to host regional competitions, further stimulating local engagement and economic activity, particularly as Queensland ramps up its preparations for Brisbane 2032.

Achieving these improvements will place Maryborough in a strong position to support and benefit from the wider Olympic movement marking these games as truly Queensland's games.

Additionally, MDHA has a reputation of developing national and international players. Six (6) National hockey players have developed their hockey in Maryborough, with four (4) becoming Olympians. MDHA also has five (5) identified athletes for 2032 and their success hinges on improvements in facilities.

The proposed upgrades are crucial in positioning MDHA to take full advantage of the opportunities presented by Brisbane 2032. Specifically:

- **Host Olympic Pre-Training Camps:** International teams can conduct their pre-Olympic training in Maryborough, taking advantage of world-class facilities and enhancing the Fraser Coast profile.
- **Accelerate Regional Engagement:** By hosting international, national, and state events, MDHA will play a vital role in engaging the Fraser Coast community in the Olympic movement, creating critical participation and pathway development opportunities for local athletes.

Event Experience and Hosting Expertise:

MDHA has a well-established history of hosting events:

Previous activities include:

- Hosting the Malaysian U21 National team for a series of matches
- 2019 – 1 & 9 Coaching Clinic (Dylan Wotherspoon and Mark Knowles)
- 2021 – Coaching Clinic (Tim Howard and Savannah Fitzpatrick)
- 2023 – Goal Keeping Coaching Clinic (Rachael Lynch)

Outdoor Events

- 2003 - Women's State master's Championships
- 2014 - Women's State master's Championships
- 2015 – Under 15 Boys State Championships
- 2017 – Under 13 Girls State Championships
- 2019 – Over 35's master's Men's State Championships
- 2022 – Under 15 Girls State Championships
- 2024 - Women's State master's Championships
- 2017 to 2024 – Core Cup (Pre-season competition with 40 teams from across the state)

Indoor Events

- 2020 – Host 3 Indoor State Championships
- 2021 – Host 4 Indoor State Championships
- 2022 – Host 4 Indoor State Championships
- 2023 – Host 4 Indoor State Championships
- 2024 – Host 2 Indoor State Championships

Engagement and Partnerships:

MDHA has thus far engaged with key stakeholders and is in the process of exploring potential partnerships that will support the infrastructure development:

- **Engagement:**

- State MP – Bruce Saunders
- Local Councillor – Paul Truscott (Deputy Mayor), Daniel Sanderson
- Mayor – George Seymour

- **Partnerships:**

MDHA is actively pursuing a strategic partnership with the Maryborough Services Club to establish a new Sports Club at current home of MDHA. This development is projected to involve a \$30 million investment, rolled out in stages over the next six years, and marks a significant enhancement of infrastructure with the inclusion of a Sports Bar, Bistro, Gaming Room, Function Rooms, Meeting Rooms, and Courtesy Buses. Importantly, all profits generated from this new entity will be reinvested back into hockey.

The partnership with the Maryborough Services Club, which boasts a membership of 6,500, will not only boost patronage at MDHA's facilities but will also create a sustainable income stream. This financial boost will enable MDHA to prioritize ongoing upgrades and long-term maintenance of the grounds while re-establishing the Regional Development Officer position. The officer will focus on talent development and the expansion of school-based programs, critical to recruitment and retention efforts.

Conclusion:

The Maryborough and Districts Hockey Association is committed to elevating its facilities to meet both current demands and future opportunities tied to Brisbane 2032. The proposed infrastructure upgrades are critical not only for sustaining the association's growth but also for positioning Maryborough as an integral participant in Queensland's Olympic journey.

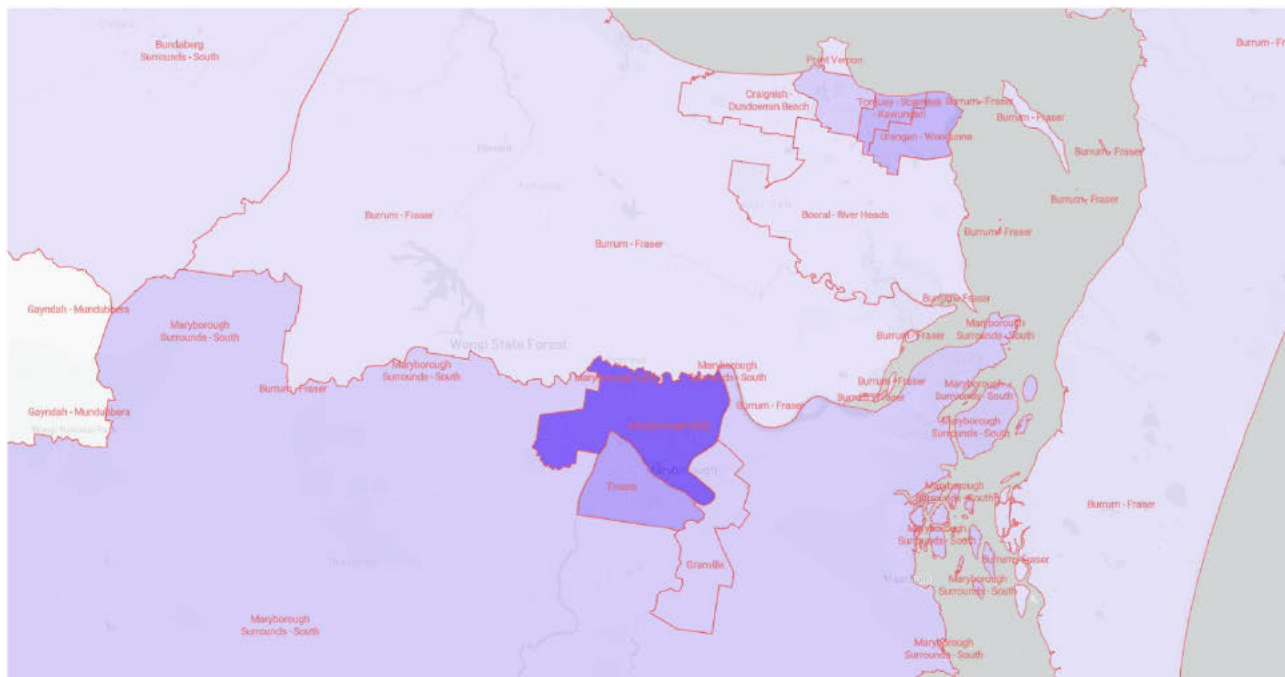
The Government's support is essential in advancing these goals and ensuring that Maryborough's hockey community can fully realise the benefits and opportunities that lie ahead.

Maryborough & District Heat Maps

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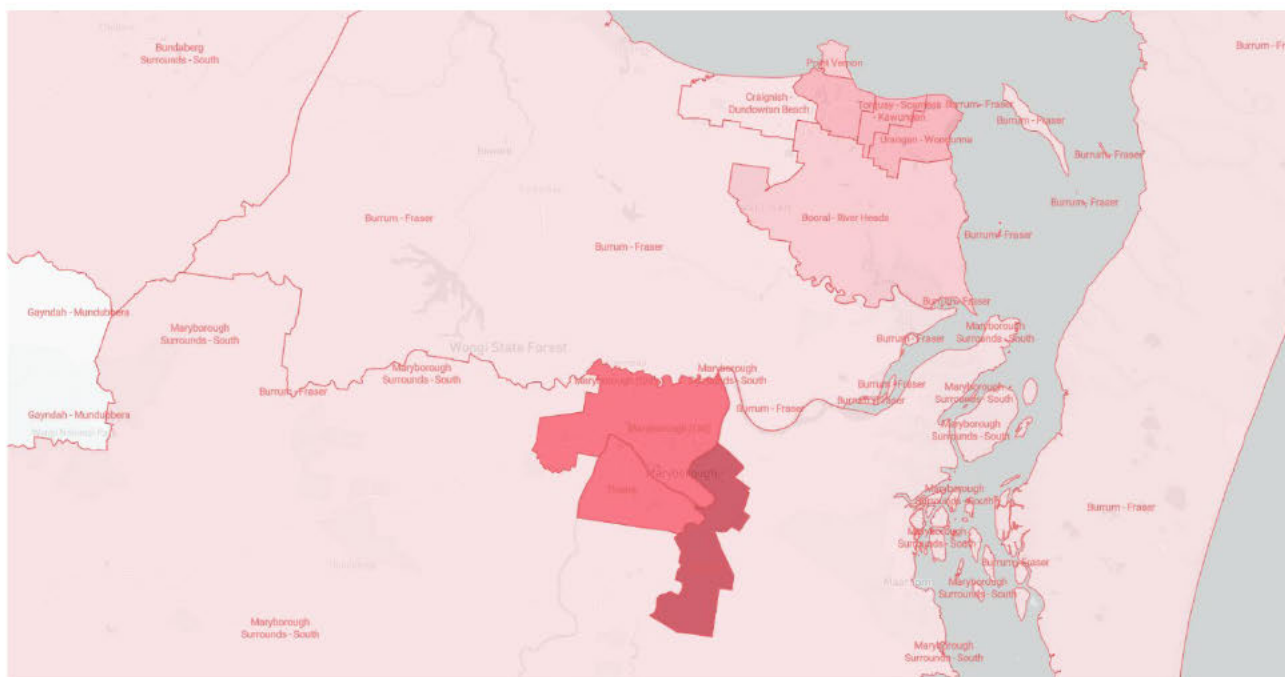
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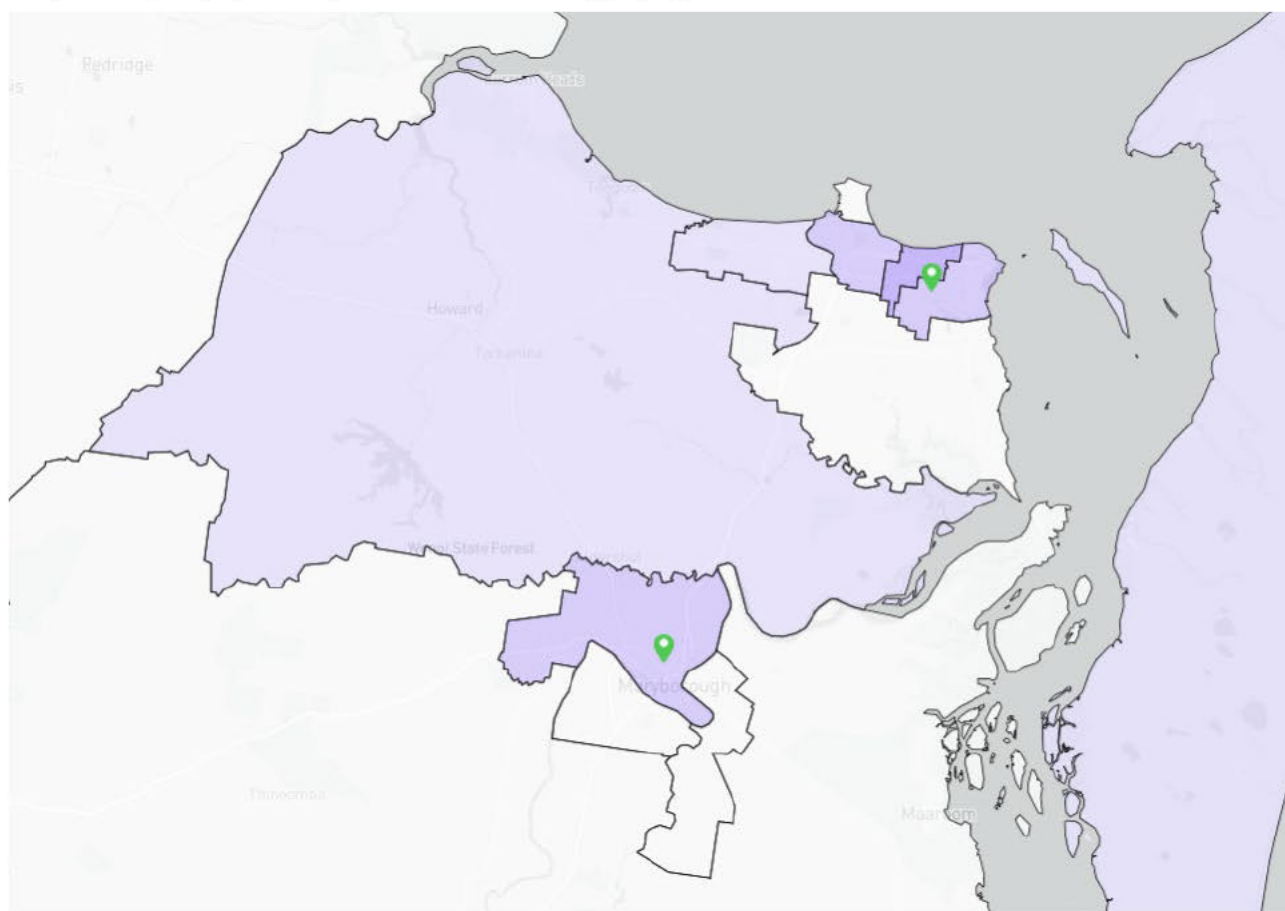
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Unmet Demand:

People likely to play hockey but are not currently playing



Redlands Hockey Association

Association: Redlands Hockey Association (RHA)

Association Representatives: Tammy Drews

Position: President

2024 Membership: 327 (Growth of 9% on 2023)

Projected Membership Growth by 2034: 17%

Scope of Work:

Redlands Hockey Association (RHA) is seeking support from the Queensland Government to secure a synthetic turf facility within the Redlands region as part of a long-term strategy to strengthen hockey participation, enhance player pathways, and establish a permanent home for the sport.

Currently, Redlands faces significant challenges, including:

- No synthetic turf facility within the Redlands or Logan regions.
- Limited infrastructure, forcing athletes to travel to Brisbane or Gold Coast.
- Shortened competition seasons due to the shared use of fields with other sports.
- Inability to host major tournaments or high-performance training due to inadequate infrastructure.

Despite these obstacles, Redlands remains a committed hockey community with strong participation rates. A dedicated hockey turf is critical to ensuring the sport's long-term growth and success in the region. The key infrastructure priorities include:

1. Development of a synthetic turf facility within the Redlands region.
2. Improvements to current playing fields to address water drainage, lighting, and irrigation issues.
3. Securing long-term tenure for a hockey-dedicated home base.

These initiatives will allow RHA to establish local turf competitions, enhance player development, attract regional events, and contribute to the Brisbane 2032 Olympic hockey legacy.

Key Infrastructure Requirements:

1) Establishing a Synthetic Turf Facility

Redlands currently has no synthetic turf, requiring players to travel to compete at higher competition levels. A new hockey turf would:

- Provide a solution to the much-needed additional turf required in the Greater Brisbane region, as outlined in the Major Infrastructure Feasibility Study.
- Allow local turf-based competitions, improving development opportunities.
- Reduce travel costs for families and make hockey more accessible.
- Establish Redlands as a feeder region for Queensland's high-performance hockey pathway.
- Attract regional hockey tournaments and drive local economic benefits.
- Provide opportunities for development of a multi-sport use facility, allowing other field-based sports (e.g., soccer) to share the facility.
- Allow access to a facility for local schools who currently participate in TAS and other school-based competition within the area.

2) Immediate Upgrades to Existing Fields

At present, Redlands Hockey operates on shared fields with ongoing issues affecting playability, including:

- Severe drainage and flooding problems, disrupting the season.
- Uneven playing surfaces, posing safety risks.
- Insufficient irrigation, impacting turf quality.
- Limited lighting, restricting evening competitions.

A long-term sustainability plan must be implemented to redevelop Redlands' existing fields and support grass-based hockey participation alongside a new synthetic turf facility.

3) Securing a Long-Term Home for Redlands Hockey

RHA currently does not have a long-term lease for its playing fields, adding uncertainty to the sport's future in the region. Ensuring secure tenure over a dedicated home base will:

- Provide certainty for players, families, and volunteers.
- Allow for long-term investment in facility upgrades.
- Enable closer community partnerships, including schools and local sporting organisations.

A strategic agreement guaranteeing Redlands Hockey a permanent location is critical to its future success.

Indicative Costs:

| Infrastructure Project | Estimated Investment |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Development of a synthetic turf | \$2.5 – \$3 million |
| Field drainage & irrigation | \$500,000 – \$750,000 |
| Lighting installation upgrade | \$350,000 – \$500,000 |
| Clubhouse & player amenities | \$1 – \$1.5 million |
| Total Estimated Cost | \$5 – \$6 million |

Redlands Hockey is prepared to work with local government and potential multi-sport partners to co-fund the project and secure major Queensland Government investment.

Note: The project costs mentioned above are preliminary estimates and may be subject to further detailed investigations.

How This Project Enhances Activations for Brisbane 2032?

Redlands Hockey is committed to growing the sport and supporting Queensland's pathway to Brisbane 2032. A synthetic turf facility would boost Olympic talent development, regional participation, and event-hosting opportunities.

Olympic & High-Performance Pathway Contribution

- Redlands players must relocate or travel into Brisbane to develop on synthetic turf.
- A local facility would provide better access to elite coaching, supporting athlete progression into Brisbane-based high-performance programs.
- The region has a strong history of hockey participation, with potential to be a development hub for Brisbane 2032 and beyond.

Pre-Games Training & Competition Opportunities

- A Redlands turf facility could serve as a training venue for Brisbane 2032 pre-Games camps.
- Improved hockey infrastructure would increase school participation, attracting new players into the sport ahead of the Olympics.

Multi-Sport & Community Legacy

- A purpose-built facility offers multi-sport use, ensuring the investment delivers lasting community benefits beyond just hockey.
- An Olympic-aligned project can boost hockey's presence in Southeast Queensland, supporting Brisbane 2032's broader sporting vision.

By investing in Redlands Hockey, the Queensland Government would deliver a legacy-backed project that aligns with Brisbane 2032's strategic infrastructure goals while strengthening Queensland's state-wide hockey network.

Engagement & Partnerships:

Redlands Hockey Association is advocating for investment and infrastructure support by engaging with:

- Redland City Council – Mayor & local councillors
- State & Federal Government representatives

- Hockey Queensland & Hockey Australia
- Local schools & sporting bodies.

Conclusion & Call to Action:

Redlands Hockey is at a critical turning point. Without urgent investment in a synthetic turf facility and field upgrades, the region will continue to lose players and potential future Olympians to larger associations.

To ensure hockey remains accessible and continues to grow, government support is needed for:

1. Funding and securing land for a Redlands synthetic turf facility.
2. Major upgrades to existing grass fields (drainage, irrigation, and lighting).
3. Securing a long-term home base for Redlands Hockey.
4. Positioning Redlands as a key participation hub in the lead-up to Brisbane 2032.

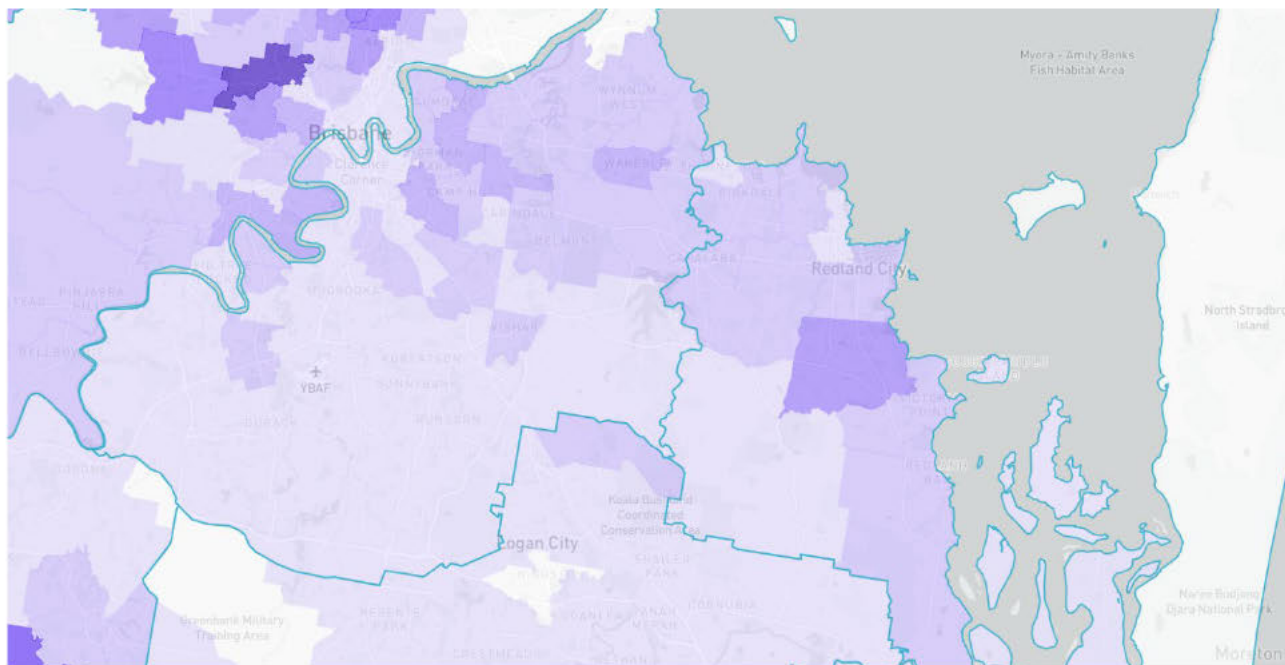
An investment in Redlands Hockey will ensure Brisbane 2032 leaves a lasting sports infrastructure legacy, providing opportunities for regional athletes to train, compete, and succeed at the highest level. The time to act is now—this project will secure Redlands' future in Queensland's hockey pathway while delivering meaningful Olympic outcomes.

Redlands Heat Maps

The following heat maps have been provided by ActiveQld Eye the ActiveXchange sports data base. The darker the colouring the higher the number.

Current Playing Membership:

Number of registered members with Hockey Qld.



Rockhampton Hockey Association

Association: Rockhampton Hockey Association (RHA)

Association Representative: Gavin Veach

Position: Secretary

2024 Membership: 410

Projected Membership Growth by 2034: 10%

Scope of Work:

The Rockhampton Hockey Association (RHA) is seeking support from federal, state, and local governments for the replacement of its two artificial turf fields at Birdwood Park, Koongal. These turf fields are reaching the end of their asset life and will require replacement ahead of the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games. These upgrades are critical for:

- **Maintaining High-Quality Facilities:** The current turf fields, which have served the community for several years, are nearing the end of their operational life. Their replacement is essential to ensure RHA continues to provide a safe and competitive environment for players.
- **Sustaining and Growing Participation:** With a projected annualised participation growth rate of 10%, the upgraded facilities will support continued community engagement and the growth of hockey in the region.

Key Infrastructure Requirements:

Replacement of Two Artificial Turf Fields

- **Requirements:** Replace both artificial turf fields at Birdwood Park, Koongal, to maintain high standards and ensure the facilities remain fit for purpose as we approach Brisbane 2032.
- **Benefit:** Ensures the longevity, safety, and quality of the playing surfaces, positioning Rockhampton as a key location for regional, state, and potentially international events.

Total Estimated Investment: \$2.5 million

Note: The project costs mentioned are preliminary estimates and may be subject to further detailed investigation. Additionally, RHA is prepared to contribute financially to the project in partnership with the Queensland Government.

How does the project enhance activations for Brisbane 2032?

The proposed turf replacements are essential to ensure Rockhampton is fully aligned with the broader objectives of Brisbane 2032, positioning regional Queensland as an integral part of the Games.

- **History of Hosting International Events:** Rockhampton has a proud history of hosting significant hockey events, including the 2019 Oceania Cup, which served as an Olympic qualifier for Tokyo 2020. This strong event-management track record, combined with Rockhampton's dedicated volunteer base, positions the city as an ideal venue for pre-Olympic training camps and potentially international team preparations in the lead-up to Brisbane 2032.
- **Regional Facilities:** RHA's facilities are among the best in regional Queensland, and with upgrades, they will ensure Rockhampton remains competitive and capable of leveraging the opportunities associated with Brisbane 2032.
- **Participation & Talent Pathway Development:** The upgraded facilities will play a pivotal role in supporting the development of upcoming hockey talent. Historically, Rockhampton has produced five (5) National team members, including four (4) Olympians. Currently, seven (7) players from the

region have been identified as potential competitors for Brisbane 2032. Facility upgrades are essential to nurturing local talent and strengthening the pathway to the Olympics and other national competitions.

The replacement of the turf fields will not only secure Rockhampton's role in the Olympic narrative but will also contribute significantly to the region's sporting legacy.

Event Experience and Hosting Expertise:

The Rockhampton Hockey Association has a strong track record of hosting local, national, and international events, showcasing its experience and expertise in managing large-scale hockey tournaments. In 2019, the RHA proudly hosted the Oceania Cup, a significant event that also served as the Olympic qualifier for the Tokyo 2020 Games.

Past State Championships (Outdoor) since 2009 include:

| Year | Event |
|------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 2025 | U14 Boys State Championship (<i>Scheduled</i>) |
| 2024 | U18 Men State Championships |
| 2024 | Queensland Schools 13-19 Boys State Championships |
| 2024 | Over 60s Men State Championships |
| 2023 | Queensland Primary Schools State Championships |
| 2022 | Men's Masters State Championship (40+/50+) |
| 2021 | U18 Men State Championships |
| 2020 | No State Championships - COVID |
| 2017 | U14 Boys State Championship |
| 2014 | U13 Girls State Championship |
| 2011 | Women's Masters State Championship |
| 2010 | U13 Boys State Championship |

With a track record of successfully hosting state championships and international events, Rockhampton is well positioned to contribute to Brisbane 2032 by hosting further pre-Olympic training camps, state championships, and national-level events, enhancing sports tourism and the local economy.

Engagement and Partnerships:

Rockhampton Hockey Association has actively engaged with key stakeholders to emphasise the importance of the facility upgrades. These relationships are essential in securing the support needed to move forward with the project.

Engagement:

- **Mayor:** Tony Williams (Mayor of Rockhampton)
- **State MP:** Barry O'Rourke (Previous Member for Rockhampton)
- **Federal MP:** Michelle Landry (Member for Capricornia)

Discussions with local and state government officials have stressed the importance of modernising Rockhampton's hockey facilities to align with Brisbane 2032 objectives.

Partnerships:

- **Volunteer Base:** RHA boasts a committed and experienced volunteer base that has played a crucial role in the successful hosting of state and international events, including the Oceania Cup.
- **Potential Collaborations:** Although there are no formal partnerships in place at the moment, the RHA's Strategic Plan and Corporate Sponsorship Prospectus highlight opportunities to enhance community collaboration. By partnering with other local organisations or sports, such as cricket, which can optimise facility usage and broaden community benefits through increased engagement in various sports.

Conclusion:

The Rockhampton Hockey Association is committed to ensuring its facilities meet modern standards that support both current usage and future opportunities tied to the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games. The replacement of its two turf fields is essential not only for maintaining high-quality playing standards but also for sustaining hockey growth across the region.

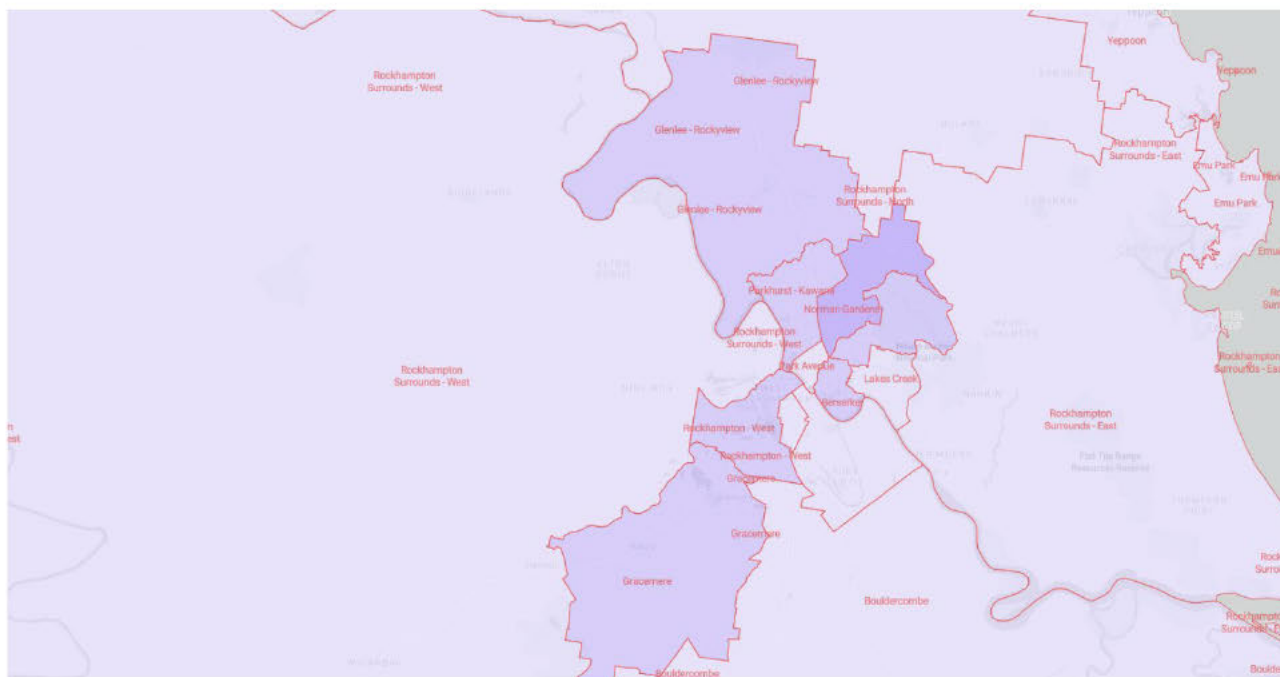
Rockhampton boasts a rich history of hosting prestigious national and international events, such as the Oceania Cup 2019, and has a track record of producing elite athletes including Olympic legends Mark Knowles, Jamie Dwyer, Matt Ghodes and Kym Ireland. This positions Rockhampton as a cornerstone of Queensland's sports landscape. The proposed infrastructure enhancements will ensure that Rockhampton continues to serve as a premier venue for regional, state, and international hockey events leading up to Brisbane 2032.

Support from the Queensland Government is vital to achieving these objectives, ensuring that Rockhampton remains a central hub for sports tourism, talent development, and the hosting of major events. This commitment promises both economic prosperity and sporting excellence for the broader community.

Rockhampton Heat Maps

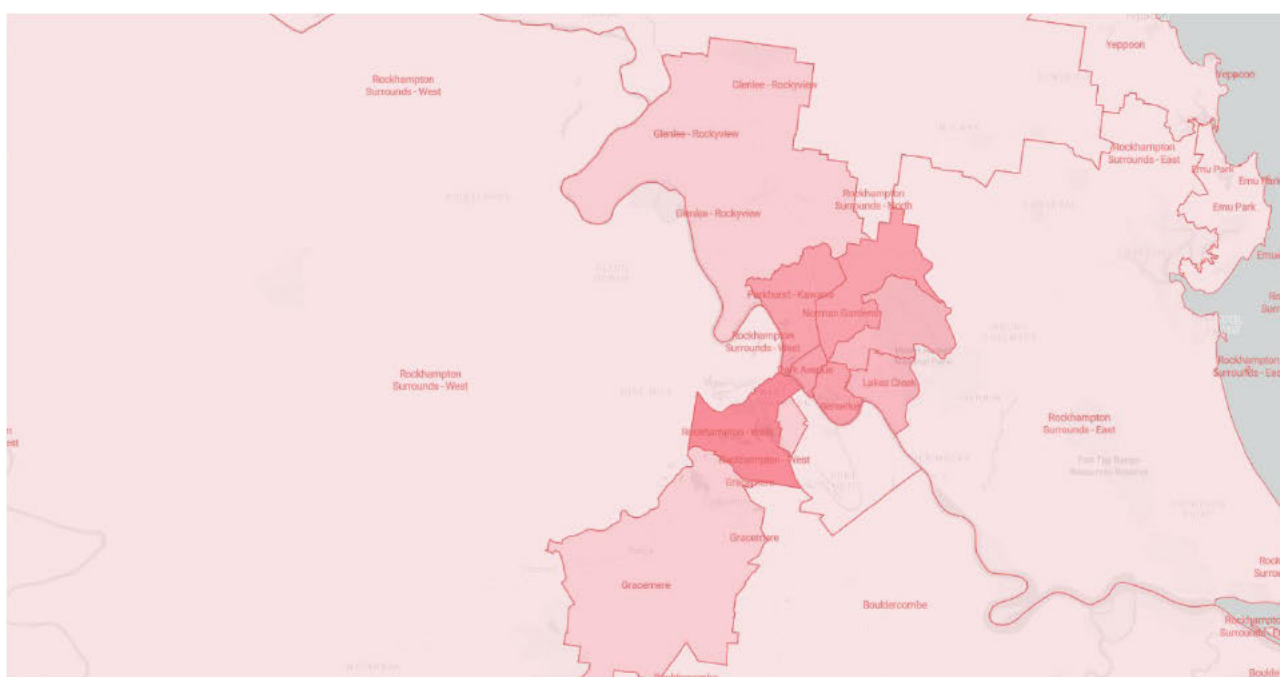
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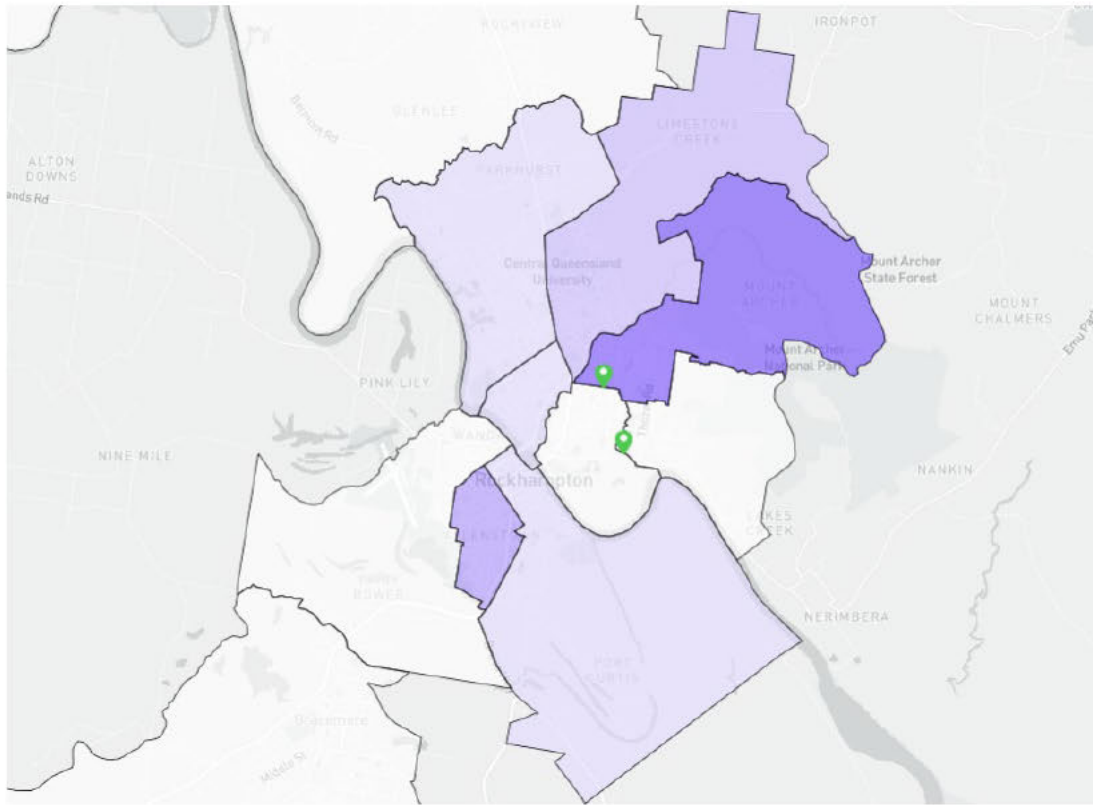
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Rockhampton Indoor Hockey Association

Association: Rockhampton Indoor Hockey Association (RHA)

Association Representative: Joseph Rudolph

Position: President

2024 Membership: 71

Scope of Work:

Rockhampton Indoor Hockey Association has been a core part of the Central Queensland sporting community for 47 seasons, fostering local talent and providing vital pathways for players in the region. Despite its strong hockey history, the association faces a major challenge: the absence of a dedicated indoor facility, which is restricting growth, athlete development, and event-hosting opportunities. A multi-purpose indoor sports stadium in Rockhampton is essential to address these barriers and strengthen regional hockey infrastructure.

The key priorities include:

1. Development of a multi-purpose indoor stadium to accommodate indoor hockey, netball, and basketball.
2. Providing a permanent home for Rockhampton Indoor Hockey after years of reliance on temporary/shared venues.
3. Ensuring Rockhampton has appropriate facilities to support state, national, and potential pre-Brisbane 2032 tournaments.

A purpose-built facility would provide economic, community, and high-performance outcomes, ensuring indoor hockey remains a viable and competitive sport in Central Queensland.

Key Infrastructure Requirements:

1) Development of a Multi-Purpose Indoor Sports Stadium

Rockhampton currently lacks a dedicated indoor venue suitable for elite competition and training. The construction of a multi-sport stadium would:

- Offer a regulation-standard indoor hockey surface, increasing regional participation and pathway opportunities.
- Allow local competitions to resume, improving talent retention and junior development.
- Provide a shared space for netball, basketball, and other indoor sports to maximise community benefit.
- Enable Rockhampton to host regional and national indoor hockey events, delivering a significant economic boost through sports tourism.

While a netball facility at CQUniversity is under early-stage planning, it remains at least 10–15 years from completion and is unlikely to prioritise hockey or multi-sport use initially. Rockhampton Indoor Hockey cannot wait another decade for a fit-for-purpose venue.

2) Providing a Permanent Home for Indoor Hockey

For decades, Rockhampton Indoor Hockey has been forced to rely on temporary and substandard venues. The lack of a permanent facility has resulted in:

- The inability to run a full, structured indoor hockey competition.
- Missed development opportunities for local players, reducing their chances of progressing to state and national levels.
- A decline in participation due to inconsistent playing conditions.

A dedicated venue would create long-term certainty for the association, ensuring that indoor hockey flourishes and remains accessible in Central Queensland.

3) Regional Pathway Support & Event-Hosting Opportunities

A modern, multi-purpose stadium would establish Rockhampton as a premier indoor hockey hub, supporting:

- State and national indoor hockey championships.
- Junior talent development camps.
- Pre-Olympic event activations leading into Brisbane 2032.

Indicative Costs:

| Infrastructure Project | Estimated Investment |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Multi-purpose indoor stadium | \$10 – \$15 million |
| Regulation-standard playing surface (Indoor Hockey) | Included in above |
| Spectator & player amenities | Included in above |
| Lighting & accessibility features | \$750,000 – \$1 million |
| Total Estimated Cost | \$10 – \$16 million |

Note: The project costs mentioned are preliminary estimates and may be subject to further detailed investigation.

How This Project Enhances Activations for Brisbane 2032?

Rockhampton has a rich history of producing elite hockey players, with strong representation across Queensland's indoor and outdoor talent pathways. Investing in a dedicated indoor sports stadium would directly benefit:

Olympic & High-Performance Talent Development

- A modern indoor hockey venue ensures that regional athletes have equal development opportunities to their metropolitan counterparts.
- Increased tournament-hosting capability will attract state junior and senior events, driving stronger competition standards.
- Improved coaching and athlete support will keep Central Queensland players engaged in the Olympic pathway for future Games.

Pre-Games Training & Indoor Hockey Expansion

- Brisbane 2032 presents the perfect opportunity to elevate indoor hockey in Australia, with increased investment in tournament infrastructure and pathway development.

Multi-Sport Use & Long-Term Legacy for Regional Sport

- A multi-purpose indoor stadium aligns with Brisbane 2032's legacy objective of increasing sports infrastructure across Queensland.
- Ensuring regional athletes have equal access to world-class facilities strengthens the broader participation and Olympic talent pipeline for future generations.

By investing in indoor hockey infrastructure now, Rockhampton can contribute to Brisbane 2032's lasting impact on Queensland sport while ensuring future Olympians emerge from Central Queensland.

Engagement & Partnerships

Rockhampton Indoor Hockey is engaging with key stakeholders to advocate for funding and planning support, including:

- Rockhampton Regional Council
- State & Federal Government representatives
- Hockey Queensland & Hockey Australia
- CQUniversity & Local Sporting Organisations

There is an urgent need for investment in this project to end the uncertainty surrounding indoor hockey in Rockhampton and secure a sustainable future for the sport.

Conclusion & Call to Action

Without a dedicated indoor hockey venue, Rockhampton's hockey community will continue to struggle for access, funding, and participation growth. To secure the sport's future, Queensland Government investment is required for:

1. Funding for a multi-purpose indoor sports stadium in Rockhampton.
2. Ensuring a regulation-standard playing surface is included for indoor hockey.
3. Providing access for hockey at an equal priority to other sports (e.g., netball and basketball).
4. Incorporating Rockhampton into Queensland's Brisbane 2032 infrastructure strategy.

By supporting this project, the Queensland Government will be delivering:

- A permanent home for Rockhampton Indoor Hockey.
- A multi-sport venue that drives economic and community benefit.
- A regional hockey hub that aligns with Brisbane 2032's Olympic legacy vision.

Rockhampton cannot afford to lose another generation of players due to inadequate facilities. Investing in this stadium now will ensure a thriving future for indoor hockey in Central Queensland for decades to come.

Sunshine Coast Hockey Association

Association: Sunshine Coast Hockey Association (SCHA)

Association Representative: Warren Flower

Position: Head of Infrastructure Projects

2024 Membership: 1019

Projected Membership Growth by 2034 (if works proceed): 24%

Scope of Work:

The Sunshine Coast Hockey Association (SCHA) is seeking Queensland Government support for the construction of a second artificial turf at the Buderim Hockey Centre. This new turf is critical to meet the growing demand for hockey on the Sunshine Coast, and to place the region in a strong position to leverage upcoming opportunities related to Brisbane 2032.

The request is based on:

- **Current Demand:** Due to limited capacity of the single turf field, it is in use for 12-14 hours per day on weekends and during weeknights for training. This has resulted in overcrowding, with up to 160 children attending the Hookin2 Hockey program on Friday evenings, heavily straining the available playing space. The Sunshine Coast has the highest of player to turf ratio in the state with 1019 to 1.
- **Increased Participation Capacity:** A second turf will allow for significantly increased participation, with key local programs such as under-10s "Hookin2Hockey" benefiting directly. Additionally, the Association frequently receives inquiries from hockey players moving from southern states who are deterred by the need to play on grass fields due to the lack of synthetic capacity. Expanding turf facilities will directly address this player loss and grow the sport further.
- **Strategic Infrastructure Needs:** The existing single turf is currently operating at or beyond capacity, limiting the ability to grow the sport at grassroots levels and to host major championships.
- **FIH Certification:** Previously certified under the FIH standards, the SCHA facility seeks to renew certification and achieve Level 2 or 3 status following the completion of the proposed second turf.

Key Infrastructure Requirements:

The Sunshine Coast Hockey Association (SCHA) has meticulously planned for the construction of a second artificial turf field at the Buderim Hockey Centre to address the region's growing hockey participation and its preparation for major State, National, and international tournaments. These enhancements are not only critical to expanding capacity but are essential for achieving international-level facility standards, all of which are vital for Sunshine Coast's successful involvement in the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games.

Second Artificial Turf with Lights and Associated Facilities:

Currently, SCHA operates with a single turf field, which has created significant capacity constraints. Comparatively, Sunshine Coast is one of the most under-resourced regions in Queensland for synthetic turf fields, with 989 members relying on just one turf, making SCHA the highest player-to-field ratio in the state (compared to Cairns' 459 and Townsville's 388 players per turf). This imbalance has resulted in substantial limitations on growth and curbed the ability to host national and state-level tournaments. A second artificial turf would alleviate these issues, enabling SCHA to expand its grassroots and championship-level opportunities. Key features of the second turf include:

- **Lighting:** The addition of energy-efficient lighting to facilitate extended usage during late afternoons, evenings, and during busy tournament hours.
- **Dugouts, Toilets, and Fencing:** Essential support facilities to meet the standards required for state and national competitions.
- **Irrigation and Water Efficiency:** Both existing and future turfs will feature water-saving systems, reinforcing the sustainable usage of club resources.

Indicative Costs:

Outlined below are key costs associated with the infrastructure project:

- **Second Turf with Lights and Associated Facilities:** \$5.4 million

Note: These costs are derived from detailed planning and may be subject to further evaluation. SCHA is prepared to manage project outcomes in partnership with key stakeholders but requires financial support to proceed with construction.

How does the project enhance activations for 2032?

The proposed second turf is essential for SCHA to contribute fully towards Brisbane 2032, including hosting potential pre-Olympic games training camps for visiting teams and activating significant regional participation opportunities.

- **Pre-Olympic Training Camps:** With the proposed second turf, SCHA is well-positioned to attract international teams for pre-Olympic training, generating revenue for the region through accommodation, transportation, and other associated services. A second turf will ensure SCHA can attract a team without hindering the local participation.
- **State and National Championships:** The addition of a second turf will enable SCHA to stage State and National Championships, events that cannot currently be hosted due to the requirement of having at least two turfs. Such events will generate significant economic impact by bringing large numbers of players, supporters, and staff to the Sunshine Coast.
- **Grassroots Expansion:** The additional turf will greatly support the expansion of grassroots hockey, allowing more youth and local players to participate, thus fostering the next generation of athletes. SCHA currently has eight (8) athletes identified for 2032 and has a history of producing Olympians. To ensure the continuation of developing players the infrastructure must meet the standard to continue this success.

Event Experience and Hosting Expertise:

While event hosting opportunities have been limited by the lack of a second playing surface, SCHA has a proven history of successfully hosting regional, national, and international hockey events. Once the second turf is completed, SCHA will be able to apply for and host significantly larger tournaments, which will generate substantial economic activity for the Sunshine Coast.

Recent Events Hosted:

- 2024 U14 Girls State Championships (*commencing 19th September 2024*)
- 2023 U13 Girls State Championships
- 2022 Over 60s Queensland Men's Masters
- 2014 USA Ladies Team Visit
- 2008 Scotland Men's Team
- 2003/4 Netherlands Men's Team Training Camps

Even with limitations, these events have provided regional exposure, economic benefits, and high-performance development opportunities for local athletes.

Hosting major national and state championships requires at least two artificial surfaces. A second turf would unlock significant economic opportunities for the region, as demonstrated by the research on past tournaments conducted by Gary Smith (Certified Practising Accountant). The projected economic benefit of holding championships on the Sunshine Coast includes:

- **Junior State or National Tournaments:** Estimated to generate **\$2.5 million** in economic impact over a 4-5 day period.
- **State Open Titles:** Expected to generate approximately **\$4 million** over a week of competition.

- **Men's Masters National Titles:** Approximately **\$12 million** over two weeks, plus additional post-event tourism from participants and their families, as many Masters participants stay on for holidays after the tournament.

Significant additional revenue is anticipated to come from supporting industries such as **accommodation, car hire, restaurants, shopping, and tourism** (e.g., local attractions like **Australia Zoo** and **Noosa**). The region's **international airport** provides a key logistical advantage, making it an attractive location for large-scale tournaments

Engagement and Partnerships:

SCHA has actively engaged with key stakeholders in government and local industries, securing important partnerships to realise this project's potential. These partnerships will be crucial in delivering the infrastructure needed for future growth and ensuring the Sunshine Coast can fully partake in the Brisbane 2032 legacy.

Engagement:

- **State MPs:**
 - **Brent Mickelberg (LNP)** – Meetings and email correspondence
 - **Jarrold Bleijie (LNP)** – Meetings and email correspondence
 - **Jason Hunt (ALP)** – Meetings and email correspondence
 - **Michael Healy (ALP)** – Brief conversation at a grant seminar, email correspondence
 - **Fiona Simpson (LNP)** – Email correspondence
 - **Rob Skelton (ALP)** – Meeting at ground, email correspondence
- **Federal MPs:**
 - **Ted O'Brien (MP)** – Brief meeting, email correspondence. Committed to supporting grant applications.
- **Sunshine Coast Council:** Face-to-face meetings and email correspondence with:
 - **Rosana Natoli** – Mayor
 - **Ted Hungerford** – Councillor for Buderim District
 - **Joe Natoli** – Councillor for Maroochydore

Partnerships:

- **Cricket:** Shared use of facilities for cricket season.
- **Sunshine Coast University:** Collaborative partnership for sports and event planning.
- **Wanderers Soccer Club:** Joint usage of the Buderim Hockey Centre.

Additional Considerations:

- **Legacy and Facility Usage:** During the winter season, the current turf is in use for 12-14 hours per day on weekends, indicating that asset utilisation has exceeded capacity. The addition of a second turf is essential not only for hosting events but to sustain the growing demand from the community.
- **Economic Contributions:** The ability to host state and national championships would result in substantial revenue generation for the Sunshine Coast Region, as outlined.

Conclusion:

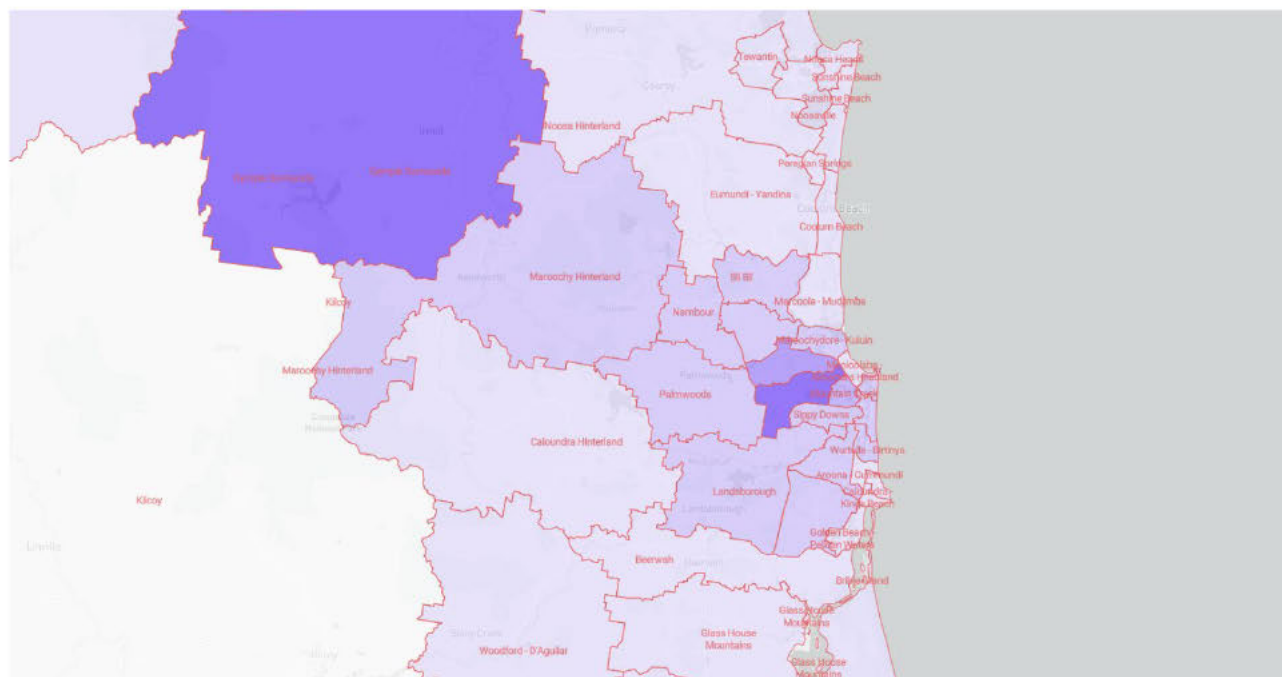
With meticulous preparation and a "shovel-ready" project plan, the Sunshine Coast Hockey Association is well-positioned to expand its facilities and make a significant contribution to Queensland's sporting legacy as Brisbane 2032 approaches. The completion of a second artificial turf at the Buderim Hockey Centre will unlock numerous opportunities for grassroots development, regional engagement, and economic growth, ensuring that the Sunshine Coast continues to play a pivotal role in Australian hockey—now and for decades to come.

Sunshine Coast Heat Maps

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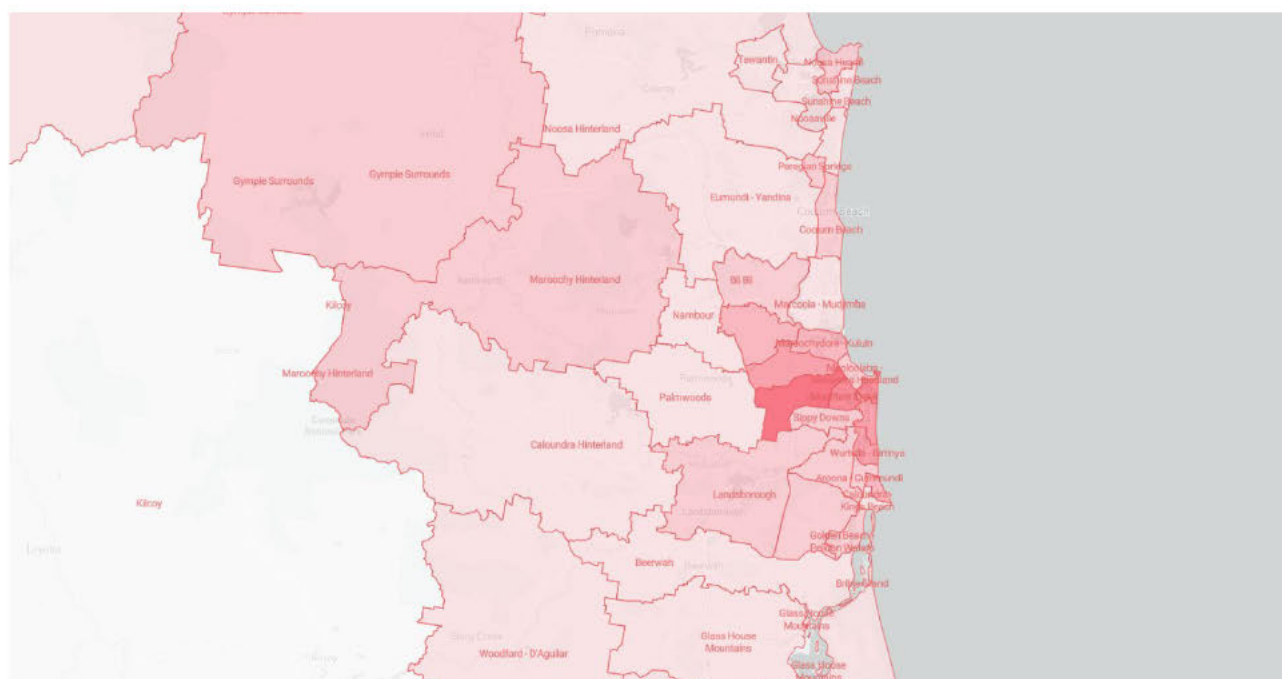
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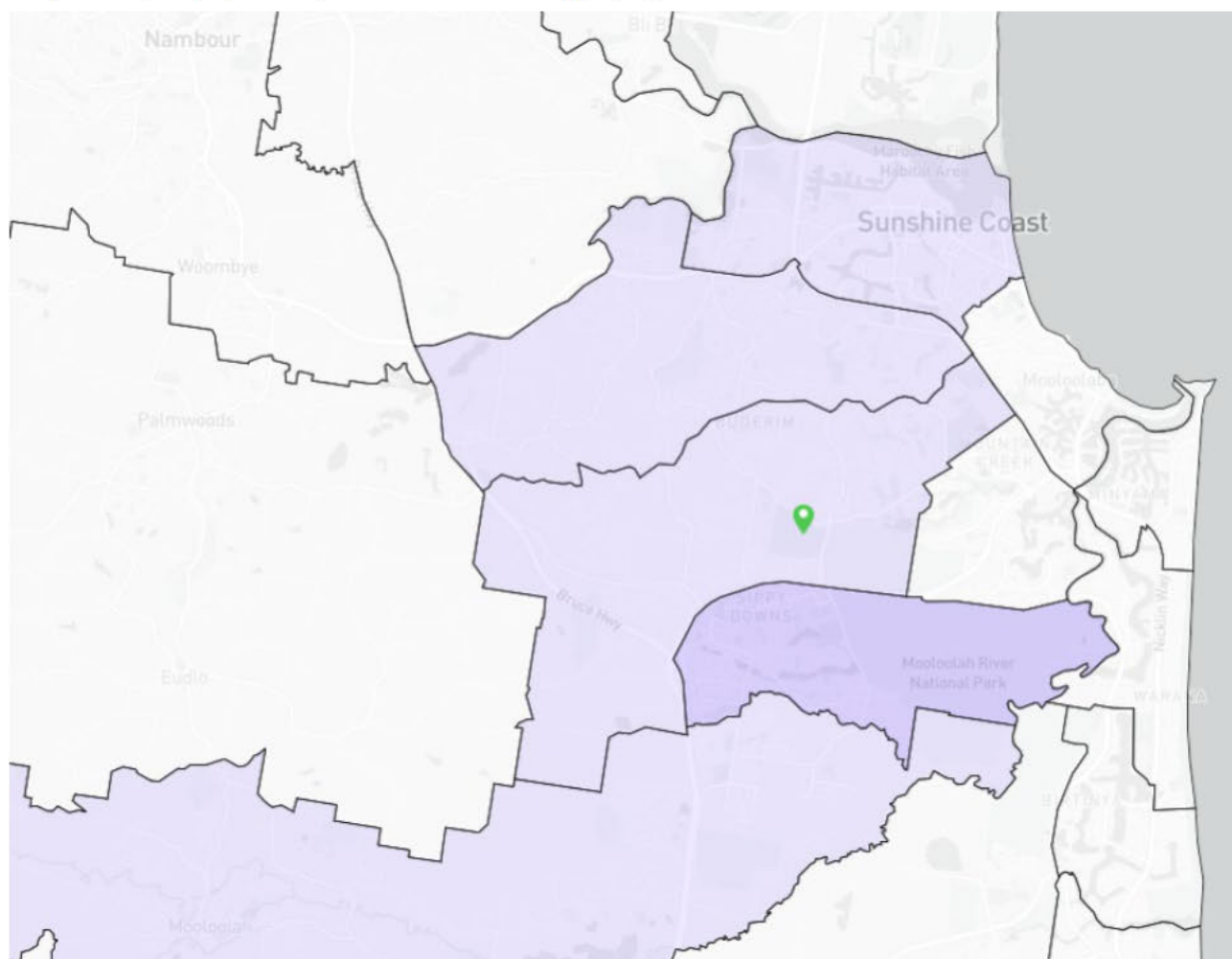
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Toowoomba Hockey Association

Association: Toowoomba Hockey Association (THA)

Association Representative: Michael Truskinger

Position: Secretary

2024 Membership: 1,474 (8% growth on 2023)

Projected Membership Growth by 2034: 17%

Scope of Work:

The Toowoomba Hockey Association (THA) is seeking Queensland Government support for essential infrastructure upgrades to maintain and enhance its facilities to meet growing participation, ensuring the association remains capable of hosting high-calibre events and preparing for Brisbane 2032.

This request is driven by:

- **Strategic Infrastructure Needs:** Toowoomba currently has the highest number of hockey players per population among all associations in Queensland. Field and facility usage is nearing capacity, which may soon limit the growth of junior and representative players as well as Queensland and Australian-level players.
- **FIH Certification & Capacity Issues:** Toowoomba's existing facilities are approaching their operational limits and end of life, requiring expansion and upgrades to sustain the region's reputation for developing high-performance athletes.

Key Infrastructure Requirements:

THA has identified several critical projects needed to support both the immediate and future needs of the region, ensuring hockey continues to grow while being able to contribute to Brisbane 2032.

1) Replacement of Turf for Field 1 and Field 2

- **Requirement:** Replace both turf fields and potentially the shockpads, as they are nearing the end of their practical life.
- **Benefit:** Ensures quality surfaces that meet contemporary safety and performance standards, enabling the venue to host state and national-level competitions.

2) Purchase of Land to Establish New Grass Field

- **Requirement:** Secure land for the establishment of a new grass field to provide additional game and training slots for Toowoomba's growing participant base.
- **Benefit:** Addresses field capacity issues and accommodates the rising demand for expanded hockey infrastructure and programming.

3) Lighting Upgrades for Grass Fields 3, 4, and 5

- **Requirement:** Install new lighting for Field 3, Field 4, and Field 5 to extend evening play and training capacity.
- **Benefit:** Provides opportunities for additional usage, ensuring more players can access quality fields during peak demand periods.

4) Upgrade and Extension of the Carpark

- **Requirement:** Expand and improve the carpark to accommodate the increasing attendance for junior events and major tournaments.
- **Benefit:** Enhances accessibility and spectator convenience for the growing number of attendees.

5) New Grandstand

- Requirement: Construct a new grandstand to accommodate spectators for events and matches and upgrading change room facility with a modern universal design concepts.
- Benefit: Improves the player experience and strengthens the venue's ability to host local, state, and international events.

6) Construction of a Third Turf Field with Lights

- Requirement: Build a new turf field to balance the turf to player ratio and support the growth of hockey in Toowoomba and the Darling Downs region.
- Benefit: Expands the capacity for training, competitions, and events to meet the needs of a growing membership base.

Indicative Costs:

Outlined below are the key costs associated with the infrastructure projects.

| Infrastructure Key Projects | Estimated Investment |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Replacement of Turf for Field 1 & 2 | \$1.4 million |
| Purchase of Land for New Grass Field | \$1.2 million |
| Lighting for Grass Fields (3, 4, 5) | \$200,000 |
| Upgrade & Extension of Carpark | \$800,000 |
| Grandstand | \$4 million |
| Construction of Third Turf Field with Lights | \$3.5 million |
| Total Estimated Investment: | \$11.1 million |

Note: These project costs are preliminary estimates and may be subject to further detailed investigations. Additionally, THA is prepared to contribute financially to the projects in partnership with the Queensland Government.

How Does the Project Enhance Activations for Brisbane 2032?

Toowoomba's ability to contribute to Brisbane 2032 hinges on the completion of these upgrades. The replacement of the existing turfs, land acquisition for expansion, and lighting additions will ensure Toowoomba's fields meet FIH certification standards, enabling the venue to host state, national, and international events as well as Olympic pre-training camps.

Toowoomba has a strong history of producing national and international-level players, including past Olympians. Currently, 14 identified athletes for 2032 call Toowoomba home, making these facility improvements essential to their continued development and success. The upgrades proposed will ensure both grassroots participation and high performance development pathways are secured for future generations.

- **Host Olympic Pre-Training Camps:** International teams could use Toowoomba as a training hub, benefiting from world-class facilities in Queensland's Darling Downs region.
- **Organise Pre-Olympic Events:** The enhanced infrastructure will enable Toowoomba to attract international competitions and lead-up events, showcasing the region as a key participant in Queensland's Olympic activation strategy.
- **Accelerate Regional Engagement:** By hosting international, national, and state events, THA will play a vital role in engaging the broader community in the Olympic movement, while boosting sports tourism and participation pathways.

- Event Experience and Hosting Expertise:

Toowoomba Hockey Association has a long history of successfully hosting significant local, state, and national events. This expertise demonstrates the association's ability to deliver high-quality competitions that foster excellence and engagement at all levels of the sport.

Olympians have developed their hockey in Toowoomba:

| Name | Olympic Year | Result |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Brendan Garard | 1996 | Bronze |
| Nikky Hudson | 2000 | Gold |
| Angie Lambert | 2000/2004/2008 | Gold (2000) |
| Michael Brennan | 2000/2004 | Bronze / Gold |
| Karen Smith | 2004 | |
| Suzie Faulker | 2004 | |
| Kiel Brown | 2008 | Bronze |
| Hope Munro | 2008/2012 | |
| Tatum Stewart | 2024 | |

Toowoomba Hockey has also developed Olympic, International and Australian umpires.

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| Aleisha Neumann | 2020-1/2024 | Olympics & International |
| Allen Schasser | 1989/1990/1992 | International |
| Brad Hardy | 1996 – 1998 | International |
| Ashley Hannemann | 1999 | International |
| Glenn Zimmerle | | International |
| David Jago | | Australian |
| Ron Ward | | Australian |
| Tony Prasser | | Australian |
| John Karl | | Australian |

There are currently fourteen (14) identified athletes for 2032 and their success hinges on improvements in facilities.

Event Experience and Hosting Expertise:

THA has a well-established history of hosting significant events, not upgrading the Toowoomba Hockey facility will impact THA's ability to continue to develop athletes and host events. Previous activities include:

| Year | Event |
|------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2024 | U18 Men's Indoor State Championships U14 Boys State Championships New Zealand School Team Touring |
| 2023 | Masters Women's State Championships |
| 2021 | Queensland Primary Schools State Championship |
| 2020 | U16 Development Camp U15 Boys & Girls Hockey State Tournament |
| 2019 | U13 Boys State Championships Queensland All School Cup |

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|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2018 | Queensland Secondary Schools Championships (19yrs) |
| 2017 | U18 Men's State Championships |
| 2016 | Men's Masters (40-50) State Championships |
| 2015 | Men's Open State Championships |
| 2014 | Men's Masters State Championships (35, 45, 55) Australian Country Championships (M & W) |
| 2013 | Women's Masters State Championships |
| 2008 | Hockeyroos played Great Britain |
| 2003 | Kookaburras' vs Netherlands |
| 2002 | Hockeyroos played Women's Team – Dutch & England |
| 1999 | Hockeyroos vs England |
| 1990 | Australian Country Japan vs South Queensland Country |
| 1986 | U21 State Titles Men |
| 1986 | Senior State Titles Men |
| 1981 | Senior State Titles Women |
| 1979 | Ireland vs Toowoomba Men |
| 1974 | U21 State Titles Men |
| 1974 | Senior State Titles Men |
| 1961 | India vs Toowoomba Men |
| 1937 | New Zealand vs Toowoomba Men |
| 1937 | Anglo-Scottish vs Toowoomba Women |

Engagement and Partnerships:

THA has successfully engaged with key stakeholders at various levels within the government and local community. The association has also established partnerships to support the infrastructure expansion:

- **Engagement:**
 - Federal MP: Garth Hamilton (Member for Groom)
 - State MP – David Janetzki
 - Mayor – Geoff McDonald
 - Deputy Mayor – Rebecca Vonhoff
 - Local Councillors – Kerry Shine, Tim McMahon, Carol Taylor, James O'Shea, Bill Kahill, Melissa Taylor
 - Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise (TSBE) – Mark Mason
- **Partnerships:**
 - Club Glenvale (local sporting club contributing to ongoing community engagement and development)
 - Clive Berghofer
 - Powers

Additional Considerations:

- **Current Utilisation and Growth Constraints:** Field time utilisation is nearing capacity, which will begin to restrict growth, especially for junior and representative players. The addition of a third field is crucial to align available resources with growing demand.
- **Economic Impact:** The upgrade of facilities and ability to host larger events is expected to generate significant economic returns for the Toowoomba region through increased tourism, accommodation, and related spending by visitors.

Conclusion:

The Toowoomba Hockey Association is committed to working collaboratively with the Queensland Government to ensure Toowoomba is ready to engage fully in the Brisbane 2032 Olympic movement. The proposed infrastructure upgrades are designed to not only address current capacity challenges but also to position Toowoomba as a premier destination for high-performance hockey in the lead-up to the Olympic Games and beyond.

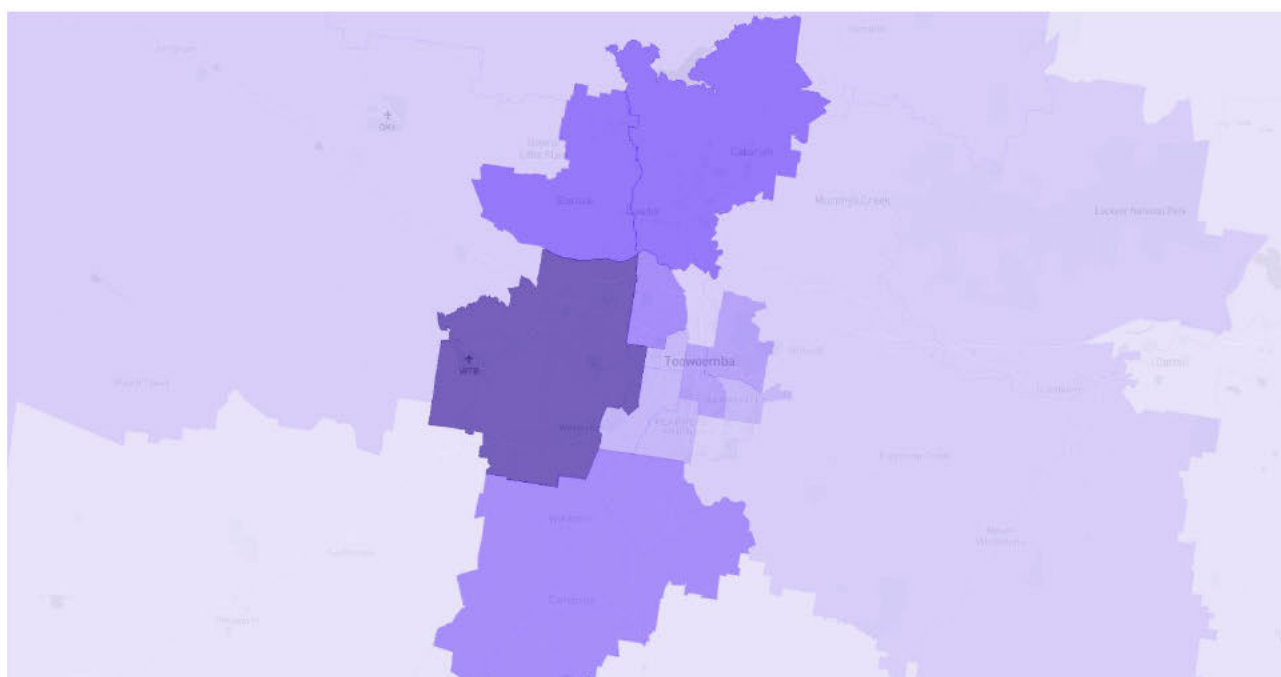
Your support is vital to advancing these goals and to helping Toowoomba and the Darling Downs region participate fully in the broader Olympic movement, ensuring that future generations benefit from this generational opportunity.

Toowoomba Membership Heat Maps

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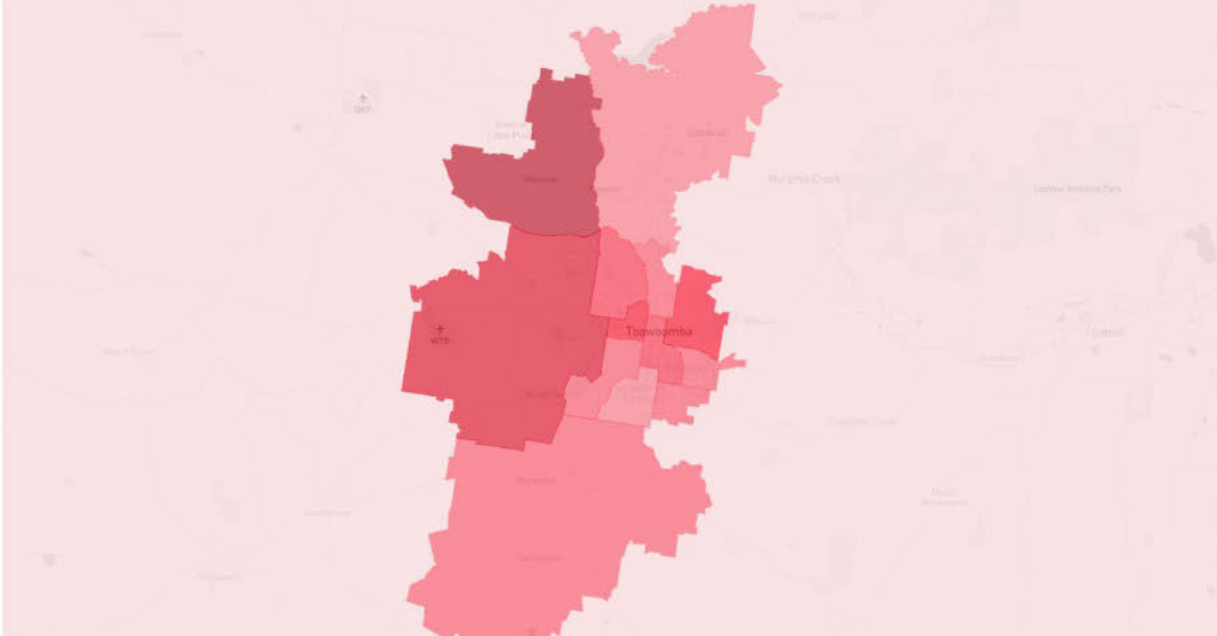
Current Playing Membership:

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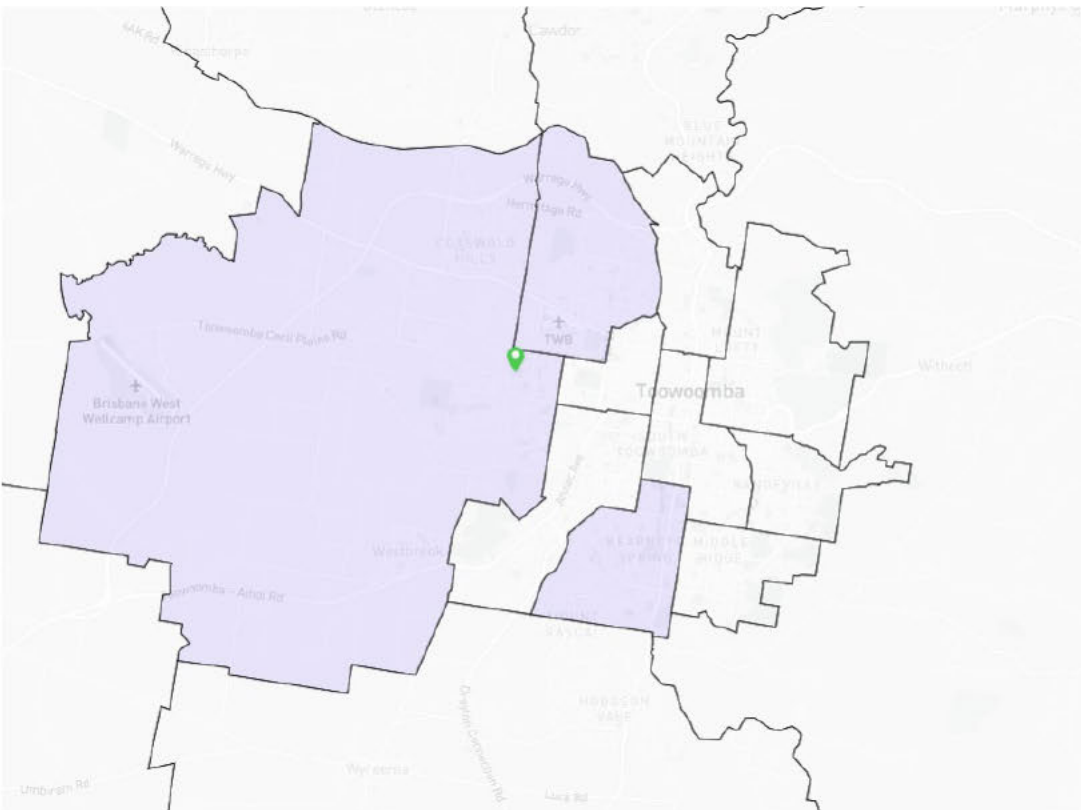
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Unmet Demand:

People likely to play hockey but are not currently playing



Townsville Hockey Association

Association: Townsville Hockey Association (THA)

Association Representative: Chris Grew

Position: President

2024 Membership: 828

Projected Membership Growth by 2034: 16%

Scope of Work:

The Townsville Hockey Association (THA) is requesting Queensland Government support for a phased, 10-year infrastructure development project designed to meet sustainability goals, as well as to secure high-performance certification in preparation for Brisbane 2032. The 10-year plan focuses on two key stages:

- **Phase One:** Immediate implementation of energy efficiency measures, including the installation of solar panels and LED lighting upgrades across the facility to reduce operational costs and emissions.
- **Phase Two:** Subsequent infrastructure upgrades essential to securing **Federation of International Hockey (FIH)** certification, increasing seating for events, and further developing the potential of an integrated **Northern Centre of Excellence**, in conjunction with Townsville Basketball and Netball, at the Murray Sporting Precinct.

Key Infrastructure Requirements:

1) Sustainability and Energy Efficiency

Phase One focuses on making the facility energy-efficient and aligned with international standards in preparation for Brisbane 2032, avoiding the need for future upgrades.

- a. **Solar Panel Expansion:**
 - **Description:** THA has already self-funded solar panels, but to achieve a significant reduction in operational costs and emissions, the solar panel installation needs to be expanded.
 - **Benefit:** By expanding solar energy usage, THA will substantially lower electricity costs and contribute to Queensland's sustainability objectives ahead of Brisbane 2032.
- b. **LED Lighting Upgrades for Field 1 & Field 2:**
 - **Field 1:** Replace the existing lighting with LED technology to improve overall visibility and reduce energy consumption. This will enhance the match quality for players and spectators during evening games, while also reducing ongoing operational costs.
 - **Field 2:** Install broadcast-level LED lighting that meets international competition standards. This upgrade will allow Field 2 to be used for international matches and other high-profile events leading up to Brisbane 2032, while also supporting extended playtime through optimal lighting conditions.
 - **Benefit:** Ensures Field 1 is modern and energy-efficient, suitable for local matches and practices, while making Field 2 internationally compliant for broadcasted events. Both upgrades will significantly reduce energy consumption and long-term operational costs.
 - **Estimated Cost:**
 - **Field 1:** \$200,000
 - **Field 2 (Broadcast Level):** \$500,000

2) Major Infrastructure Upgrades

Once the foundational energy efficiency measures are established, **Phase Two** will focus on upgrading the facility's capacity to meet FIH standards, enhancing high-performance training opportunities, and

developing the Northern Centre of Excellence, which aims to offer high-performance services to top athletes in North Queensland.

- a. **Replacement of Turf Fields (Field 1 and 2):**
 - Replace both synthetic turf fields to meet international FIH standards, ensuring the facility is capable of hosting elite-level competitions and international teams as a practice venue for Brisbane 2032.
 - **Estimated Cost:** \$1.6 million (\$800,000 per field)
- b. **LED Lighting Upgrades for Field 2:**
 - Installation of LED lighting for Field 2 in line with international standards, allowing for evening games, increased playtime, and lower energy consumption.
 - **Estimated Cost:** \$500,000
- c. **Upgraded Clubhouse and Changerooms:**
 - Renovate existing changerooms and the clubhouse to include modern meeting rooms, media broadcasting capabilities, and livestreaming infrastructure to support larger events and regional tournaments.
 - **Estimated Cost:** \$1.2 million
- d. **Event Seating Expansion (up to 5,000 Seats):**
 - Commitment to install modular seating capable of temporarily expanding spectator capacity to accommodate up to 5,000 participants for international fixtures or high-profile events leading up to and following Brisbane 2032.
 - **Estimated Cost:** \$1.5 million
- e. **Northern Centre of Excellence Proposal (Partnership with Townsville Basketball and Netball):**
 - The Centre of Excellence would repurpose the RSL Stadium as a shared high-performance hub offering a dedicated gym, recovery and sports science facilities. This centre would provide critical infrastructure for North Queensland's talented athletes.
 - **Cost Estimate for Centre of Excellence:** To be determined in partnership with other stakeholders and through a detailed feasibility study.

Indicative Costs for Both Phases:

| Infrastructure Key Projects | Estimated Investment |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Phase One: Sustainability and Energy Efficiency | \$760,000 |
| Solar Panel Expansion | \$60,000 |
| LED Lighting Upgrade for Field 1 | \$200,000 |
| Broadcast-Level LED Lighting Upgrade for Field 2 | \$500,000 |
| Phase Two: Major Infrastructure Upgrades | \$4.3 million |
| Replacement of Turf (Two fields) | \$1.6 million |
| Clubhouse and Changeroom Upgrades | \$1.2 million |
| Event Seating Expansion (up to 5,000 capacity) | \$1.5 million |
| Total Estimated Investment | \$5.06 million |

Note: The project costs mentioned above are preliminary estimates and may be subject to further detailed investigations. Additionally, THA is prepared to contribute financially to the projects in partnership with the Queensland Government.

How Does the Project Enhance Activations for Brisbane 2032?

Through Phase One, THA will enhance both Field 1 and Field 2 with critical LED lighting upgrades, ensuring that Field 1 is energy-efficient and Field 2 is elevated to broadcast-level lighting standards. This guarantees that Field 2 will be ready for international matches and high-profile events in the lead-up to Brisbane 2032, while Field 1 will continue to serve as a top-quality facility for local matches and training. Additionally, the solar panel expansion will emphasize sustainable practices, enabling THA to reduce long-term energy costs and reinvest savings in other facility maintenance and development, thus positioning Townsville as a leader in environmental responsibility within Queensland's sports ecosystem.

FIH Certification and High-Performance Pathways.

With the completion of Phase Two, THA will meet FIH certification standards, ensuring the facility's readiness to host both elite-level international competitions and training camps in the lead-up to the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games. The new infrastructure will serve as a foundation for high-performance pathway development in North Queensland, offering local athletes access to world-class training facilities while attracting talent from across the region and beyond.

Townsville has a proud history of contributing to Australia's hockey success. The region has produced 10 national players, of whom 7 have gone on to become Olympians. This strong record of developing elite athletes demonstrates the importance of securing FIH-standard facilities to ensure the continued growth and success of high-performance hockey in the region.

- **Host Pre-Olympic Training Camps:** With FIH-compliant facilities, Townsville will be able to welcome international teams seeking high-performance venues in preparation for Brisbane 2032.
- **Organise Pre-Olympic Events:** The enhanced facilities will position Townsville to attract international competitions and other key events leading up to the Games, further raising the city's profile as a sports hub.
- **Boost Regional Talent Development:** Having FIH-standard facilities will support the development of local talent. With eleven (11) players identified as potential athletes for Brisbane 2032, this infrastructure is critical for their ongoing development.
- **Expand Community Engagement and Sports Tourism:** By modernizing the facilities and enhancing spectator capacity with seating expansion, Townsville can become a hotspot for regional, state, and international events, significantly boosting sports tourism in North Queensland.

Event Experience and Hosting Expertise:

THA has a long and proud history of hosting high-profile state, national, and international hockey events. This experience highlights not only THA's organisational expertise but also the potential for the region to serve as a premier venue for future championships and tournaments, both leading up to and following the Brisbane 2032 Olympic Games.

National and International Championships:

THA was first honoured to host its inaugural Australian Championship in 1984 when Townsville organised the Australian Veteran Men's Championships. This significant achievement was followed by the hosting of the Under 15 Boys Australian Championships in 1986, where Queensland successfully claimed the championship title. Townsville continued to grow its profile on the national stage when it hosted

the Australian Veteran Men's Championships again in 1992, attracting 35 teams across five divisions. With approximately 1,000 visitors, this championship injected over \$1 million into the local economy.

On the international stage, in October 1999, Townsville hosted a prestigious International Test Match between Australia and Germany, followed by international fixtures in 2010 as the city welcomed Argentina and the Hockeyroos. This series also included coaching clinics led by the Hockeyroos, which were well received by hundreds of junior players, aiding in the development of local talent.

In addition to championships and test matches, from 1993 to 2000, the North Queensland Barras were highly successful in the National Hockey League (NHL), further embedding hockey into the fabric of competitive sports in Townsville.

However since that time Townsville has not been able to host National or International events and although THA has regularly hosted State Championships the ability to profile Townsville nationally and internationally through hockey audiences has been stifled.

| Year | Event |
|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2024 | Men's Masters State Championship |
| 2023 | Men's Masters State Championship |
| 2022 | U15 Girls State Championship, U18 Women's State Championship |
| 2021 | U13 Boys State Championship, U18 Men's State Championship |
| 2019 | U15 Boys State Championship, Men's Masters State Championship |
| 2018 | U18 Women's State Championship |
| 2017 | Open Men's State Championship, Women's Masters State Championship |
| 2015 | U18 Women's State Championship |
| 2014 | U15 Boys State Championship |
| 2013 | U15 Girls State Championship |
| 2011 | U18 Men's State Championship |
| 2010 | U18 Women's State Championship |
| 2009 | U18 Women's State Championship |

Engagement and Partnerships:

Townsville Hockey Association has a long-standing history of collaborating with local, state, and national stakeholders to advance its mission of promoting hockey while benefiting the broader community.

Engagement:

- Janelle Pool State Member for Mundingburra.
- Les Walker previous State Member for Mundingburra.
- Phill Thompson - Federal for Herbert
- Townsville City Council: Ongoing discussion to develop precinct and community sporting facilities.

Partnerships:

- Townsville Netball and Townsville Basketball: Partners in the ongoing proposal to create a Northern Centre of Excellence, using the RSL Stadium as a shared facility for high-performance sports training in North Queensland.
- THA has strong partnerships with Townsville Soccer, Cricket, AFL and Touch Football Associations

- **Local Schools Program:** THA manages the hockey program in Townsville's schools, fostering grassroots participation in the sport.

Conclusion:

The Townsville Hockey Association stands at a pivotal moment in its history, with the opportunity to secure world-class infrastructure that will serve both the local and regional hockey community, while contributing to Queensland's preparations for Brisbane 2032. Through the successful implementation of Phase One and Phase Two, THA will not only facilitate player development but also cement its role in the high-performance sporting landscape of North Queensland.

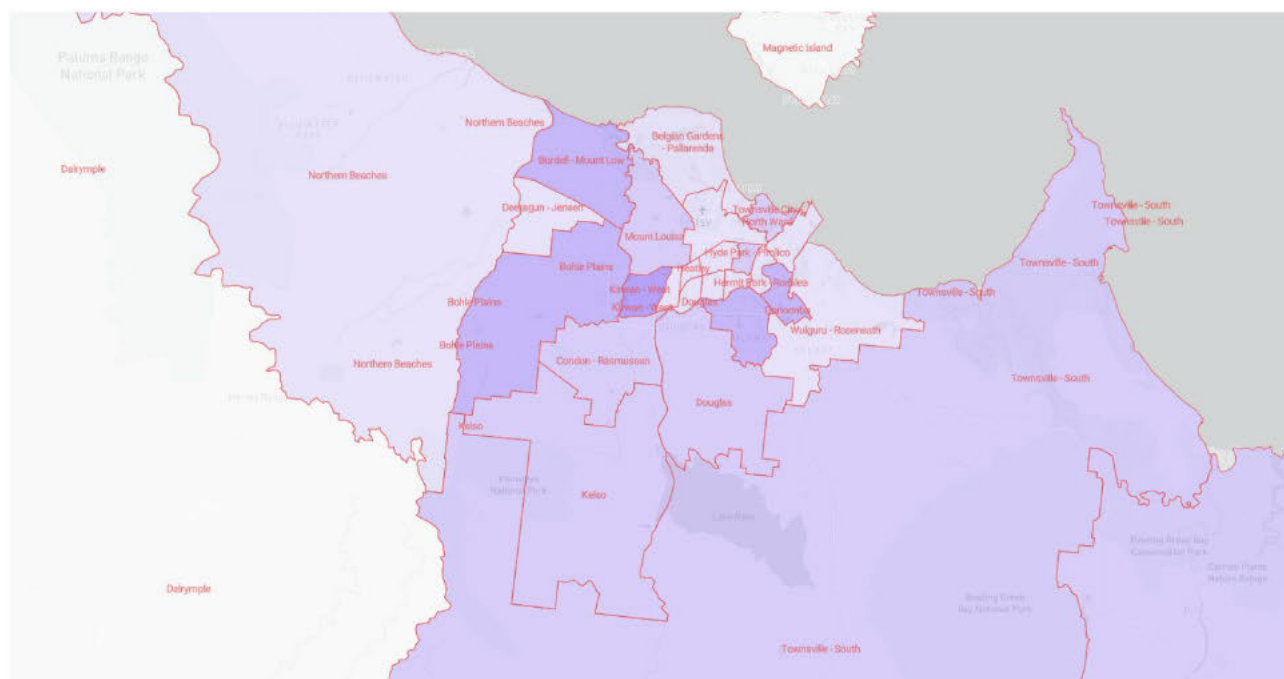
Government backing is crucial in bringing this vision to life, ensuring that Townsville maximises its potential to contribute to Olympic legacy plans, foster the next generation of athletes, and make a positive societal impact through sport.

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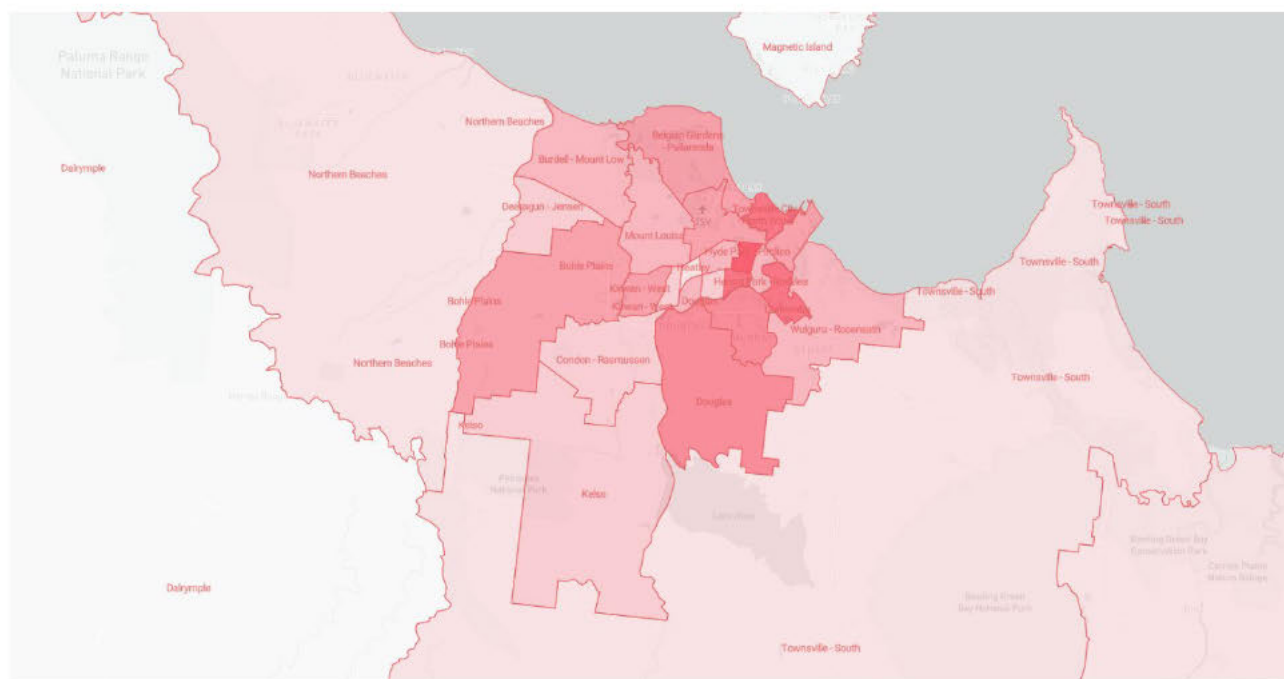
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