

**MALENY PRECINCT
COMMUNITY
WORKING GROUP
(CWG)
COMMITTEE**

**Report on Area 6
Community Facilities**

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Summary

Maleny has grown considerably in the past 5 years and no doubt will continue to grow over the next 5 to 10 years. There is increasing demand on the limited existing community facilities and there is already a gross lack of facilities for some organisations.

Some existing facilities are rather old, have become costly to maintain and are getting close to their effective use by date.

The Maleny Community Precinct provides an exceptional opportunity to landbank a sufficiently large area to cater for the establishment of a wide range of community facilities, many of which are long overdue and are needed now, and others that are likely to arise in the future.

Active organisations will grow in size. Some organisations are comfortable and contented with their existing arrangements but at some time in the future they may want expanded facilities as the population grows. We need a landbank to cater for this situation.

Now that there is a realisation in the community that movement is occurring to progress the Precinct, a number of organisations are putting up their hand wanting to be included. Equally there are some organisations that in all reality should be putting up their hand to be represented but are reluctant to do so.

The usable area of Area 6 is approximately 1.4 ha. (See Map on Page 9)

This is a totally inadequate area for a landbank to cater for the future needs for a wide range of Community Facilities that the Maleny community and region will require over the next several years.

It is estimated that approximately 5ha will be required for a landbank for Community Facilities purposes. Suggestions are presented as to how this could be achieved.

Community organisations in Maleny, interested in establishing or relocating to Area 6, need to come together to form an umbrella organisation, similar to the very successful Maleny District Sport and Recreation Club (MDSRC), to collectively represent them in future dealings with the SCRC and other bodies.

Recommendations

1. The community organisations that seek to occupy a facility within Area 6 need to form an overarching Coordinating Organisation, similar to the MDSRC Inc, to represent them in all dealings with the SCRC and funding bodies. (The MDSRC Inc is based on the very successful BeeGees model at Glasshouse.)
2. Establish a landbank of at least 5 hectares in the vicinity of Area 6.

This can be achieved by:

- A. Relocating Area 5B into Area 5A (i.e. reduce the area of 5A),
 - B. Do a land swap with Cloudwalk, to provide access to the area currently owned by Cloudwalk to the west of Area 6, which borders Obi Obi Creek on the north side. The land swap should be for all the land right through to the west boundary of the Cloudwalk land. (See Map on Page 9)
3. Initiate discussions with the owners of Cloudwalk to secure access to the parcel of land mentioned in 2B above.

MAP of AREA 6 and immediate surrounds.

