

## **Maleny District Sport and Recreation Club Inc AGM 27<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

### **President's Report**

It has been my great privilege to serve as your President in what has been another busy year.

1. Gail Denver and John Brown organised a very successful charity cricket match in conjunction with our local Member of Parliament Andrew Powell, the proceeds of which were given to Peter Oliver's designated charity, namely the Lung Cancer Foundation, a cause for which he had become so outspoken in recent years. Our next charity cricket match is only a few months away, and I hope that our community really gets behind this match again;
2. We obtained funding from the SCRC for and held a first aid course in Maleny for 20 member club officials, coaches and managers;
3. With the generous assistance of Maleny Manor, we held a fund raising event at Maleny Manor to commence the establishment of a new Maleny charitable organisation;
4. We submitted a report to SCRC reflecting our sporting vision for Maleny to enable appropriate changes to the Maleny Precinct Master Plan;
5. With research assistance from Alan Robinson, we held an information seminar in relation to grant applications for our member clubs; and provided to them information and feedback about available grants, and grants success with the aim of maximising funding for our district;
6. This committee, and particularly Mike Norman as our representative on the PAG Committee, together with David Lowden, and Max Whitten have driven forward the process to finalise sporting leases and development of infrastructure on the Maleny Precinct. During this term:-
  - We witnessed the official opening of the new car park at the Precinct by Mayor Mark Jamieson;
  - The Sunshine Coast Regional Council has also completed roadworks at the intersection of North Maleny Rd and Obi Lane South, and Porters Lane;
  - Maleny Golf has been busy developing its plans for its new course;
  - The location of the new toilet/ablutions facilities has been determined and budgeting provided for its construction by Council over the next 12 months;

On behalf of the club, I sincerely thank our local Councillor Jenny McKay; Precinct Project Manager Richard Hill; other sport and recreation staff of the Sunshine Coast Regional Council; Precinct Advisory group Presidents Graham Hart and Carolyn Williams and the other members of the PAG for all of their contributions towards these achievements.

7. In partnership with the Sunshine Coast Cross Country Series Committee, Maleny Golf, Maleny Little A's, Maleny Lions, and Maleny Rotary; on the 19<sup>th</sup> May 2013, we brought to the Maleny Sports Precinct what I hope will be the first of many major regional sporting events on the Precinct. Feedback from all groups was that the cross country races were a great success, that the site is an attractive alternate to coastal courses, is suited to becoming a regional cross country course, particularly for schools, that our community supports such an event and that this cross country race will now become a fixture in the Sunshine Coast Cross Country Series calendar.
8. Fundraising for sporting and recreational infrastructure to meet the needs of our community remains a high priority for our club. We have assisted many clubs in this regard over the past year and will continue to do so.
9. As part of the implementation of our vision for sport in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland, Mike Norman and Richard Jones were instrumental in galvanising community support for and assisting the Maleny Little's A's to obtain funding from Jupiter's Casino Gambling Community Benefit Fund; and plan the construction of their new clubhouse, storage facility and emergency entrance at the Maleny High school. Thanks to Dave Lowden, Maleny Apex, and Craig Titheradge of Maleny Little A's, this project is now well under way to completion and is on budget. The slab is down, and the clubhouse and storage shed is due for erection on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2013, and will be ready for occupation prior to the commencement of their next season. A truly fantastic outcome for a local sporting club.
10. We have also assisted Maleny Netball to make a commitment to establish itself on a long term basis at Maleny State High school; and sponsored a new grant application to enable the construction of 2 new hard courts; and they will also have the use of the existing Little A's shed for a storage shed/clubhouse. Following completion of the new Courts, Maleny Netball will be able to offer excellent indoor and outdoor facilities to its members;
11. Our grants assistance is not just limited to sporting clubs. We have also assisted the Maleny P & C to lodge a grant application to the Gambling Community Benefit Fund to obtain funding to establish a new annual Arts and Crafts workshop event during the first week of the Easter school holidays next year; We have also provided support to many other local clubs in their endeavours to obtain grant assistance;
12. Gail and John again organised a memorable sportsman's dinner. We were treated to an entertaining lesson about the new sport of skeleton racing through the eyes of former Senator and Australian representative Bill O' Chee as he slid face first and face down a frozen track on a small sled whilst experiencing forces up to 5g. His message was to find a sport that suits you, be dedicated to it, and be prepared to make sacrifices to excel in it, but not to forget the importance of family.
13. I also want to pass on my sincere thanks to my hard working and energetic committee and our patron Chris Brooker for their outstanding work and support during the past year. Special mentions should be made to John Brown who received a Glasshouse District

Community Service award from Andrew Powell; and particularly to our Patron, Chris Brooker, who received an OAM for his outstanding long term service to our local community.

Decisions and events of the past 12 months have galvanised my belief in our club's vision for sport on the Maleny Precinct and the provision of alternate facilities for Football, Athletics, Netball, Touch Football, Rugby Union, Swimming, the Maleny Gym, Lawn Bowls, Bridge and service clubs in our district.

Moreover, the importance of the benefits that can be derived from major sporting events and sporting tourism have now been widely recognised by our local council, and many tourism, business, and education leaders in our region and district.

This evening, we have ensured that a vibrant and industrious group of local champions will continue to enhance the profile of and infrastructure for sport and recreation within our local Maleny and Sunshine Coast Hinterland District.

It is one of our primary objectives to assist and or represent sporting and recreational groups with their deliberations with all levels of government in respect to any project or issue affecting their activity. I firmly believe that during the past year, through our actions, we have adhered to this objective and demonstrated our ability to negotiate important issues affecting sport and recreation in our community for its immediate, medium and long term benefit. My committee will remain ready at all times to assist all of our members in this regard during the coming 12 months.

We are also very conscious that most of our time during the past year has been spent consumed with sporting organisations at the expense of the arts and other recreational activities. We aim to rectify this situation over the next year.

I want to thank all members of the committee for their trust in me; and commit our club during the next 12 months to:-

- continued participation in the Precinct Advisory Group;
- facilitating the planning of and/or construction of a new sports field, new and improved lighting and new sports clubhouse and changerooms for Football and a home for bridge and other clubs at the Maleny Showgrounds;
- facilitating the construction of the 2 new hard netball courts at Maleny High School for Maleny Netball;
- facilitating and assisting with the negotiation and execution of sports leases at the Maleny Precinct for Golf and the Maleny Equestrian Groups;
- assisting Maleny Swimming in the planning, funding and construction of a new swimming complex at Maleny Primary school to replace the existing facilities;

- facilitating the planning for and or budgeting for the acquisition of additional land for amalgamation to the Witta Sports complex to facilitate the development/ expansion of Maleny Rugby Union, Witta Tennis and Witta Touch Football;
- the master planning of the Maleny Showgrounds and Witta Sports complexes.
- continuing our excellent communication with member clubs; and
- developing local sport and recreation related business opportunities within our community through the Maleny Chamber of Commerce and other member clubs; especially an electronic events calendar;
- nurturing new sporting and recreational events in our community;
- finalising the terms of a new Maleny District Sport and Recreation Inc Charitable Trust and its establishment, appointment of Trustees and obtaining tax charitable status from the ATO;
- establishing a register of technical and non technical assets available for loan amongst member clubs to ensure that unnecessary equipment grants are not lodged and to prevent unnecessary asset duplication within the district.
- contributing member views to any regional consultations and or industry reviews in relation to cost of insurance issues impacting upon sport and recreational club participation rates.

I table this report for approval.

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