

# Maleny District Sport & Recreation Club Inc



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## Sports Fields Lease Boundaries Approved



## Ho Ho! Merry Christmas



The MDSRC Christmas Elves wish all Maleny clubs and our members a joyous and safe Christmas break (Ian Hansen's too shy to be in the photo...) Here's an old Chinese proverb to consider: "The person who says it cannot be done should not interrupt the person doing it." - we'll be back as keen as ever in 2011!



This very significant map will no doubt raise a cheer from every member of the community who has long wished for new sporting facilities in Maleny. These lease boundaries and the layout draft concept plan was unanimously endorsed by the Maleny Precinct Advisory Committee at the November meeting.

This is what will be taken back to Council for approval by our councillor Jenny McKay. Council will issue a press release very shortly but MDSRC wanted to bring this good news to members immediately.

Your committee is now working with Council on the future access situation but in these early stages, the priority for us is to clear, mow and prepare the grounds ready for further major works. Work plans of what is required and when, will be ready in the new year; none of this will happen without organising volunteers, so please contact Mike if you can offer your assistance.

MDSRC member Andrew Ross has already offered to tidy up the fencing around the fields and to provide early decent access. To do that the following items are needed:

- 2 x 12' gates along with hinges and fasteners - ideally these gates should have a mesh infill.
- 2 x 7'4" long and 10" diameter gate posts
- 2 x 7' to 8' hard wood ground stays

If anybody has these items spare & available that can be utilised, contact Mike Norman at regent12@bigpond.com; you can be sure they will be put to good use.

## 2011 Sports Awards

MDSRC is already busy organising the 2011 Sports Awards.

We are pleased to announce a new award for clubs in 2011 and in addition, the judges will be awarding a special Youth Encouragement Trophy, sponsored by MCU Sustainable Banking.

Nominations are invited for the following categories:

**Sportsperson of the Year** (sponsored by MDSRC)

**Junior Sportsperson of the Year** (sponsored by Rotary Club of Maleny)

**Club Administrator/Volunteer of the Year** (sponsored by Maleny Quota Club)

**Sporting Team of the Year** (sponsored by The Range News)

**New award! - Club/Organisation of the Year** (sponsored by Andrew Powell MP & Maleny Coach Lines)

There will be a presentation dinner with guest speaker at the Show Pavilion on February 26th - always a terrific night out, so mark your diaries now - details and info regards tickets for the dinner will be advertised shortly.

**Award nominations close on Fri 11th February.** So get your nomination forms now from gail@mavmuse.com and make sure your clubs and members are recognised for their outstanding contributions.

## Update From the President

Your committee has again been very involved in Precinct matters which happily have now reached a stage where we have unanimous agreement from the Advisory Group on lease boundaries for MDSRC. The map included here illustrates that our wish for four playing fields, two netball courts, two bowling greens, athletics track and a clubhouse, as well as extended parking facilities, has been fulfilled.

There has been a need to broaden the skills base of the Advisory Group and following a series of interviews SCC will be announcing additions to the group as well as confirming the name of the chairman. We also welcome Joyce Newton representing swimming as a permanent member of the Advisory Group and we are certain that her experience and passion will prove invaluable.

The next two important stages of our development relate to firstly agreeing the basis of a lease with SCC and we thank Tove Easton for her assistance with the documentation, and secondly to provide SCC with a business plan for the development of the site.

Clearly this business plan will be based on a number of issues but key to everything will be related to SCC providing access to the site and parking. In the meantime we will be mowing the field area and realigning fences and gates to provide easy access. Accepting that obtaining funding will be an ongoing challenge, any development we do will be on a phased or modular basis. Accordingly we have sought assistance with clubhouse design that will enable us to provide ablution facilities as the first priority, and then to develop canteen and storage facilities. From now on we will be looking for community support to assist with our forward planning, and we earnestly request that any members who have skills which could be in any way useful in the development, including, but not limited to, fund-raising, accounting, quantity surveying, building etc., could forward their details to my email address which is regent12@bigpond.com

In October 2010 SCC released six draft strategy documents outlining their vision for the period ending 2026. These documents incorporated many useful insights into Council thinking. Following a meeting convened by MDSRC to review these

draft documents, many clubs and associations submitted comprehensive reports to Council which hopefully will strengthen Maleny's position as a hub for the region. My thanks to all of our member clubs who participated in this exercise.

30th November saw the launch of our third "Sportsperson of the Year" competition. It was indeed gratifying to see such a high level of interest from nominating organisations, particularly the schools, as well as the trophy sponsors. Once again we would like to thank the Range News for their very generous sponsorship this year.

A special thank you must go to Les Fawkes who has faithfully prepared the sports results newsletter on time every single week since the club's inception in 2008 - well done Les for keeping the club news circulating.

In conclusion, I would like to thank everyone who has helped the club this year, and together with the members of the committee, wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year, and we look forward to a positive 2011.

Mike Norman



### **Maleny District Sport & Recreation Club**

**To promote sport and recreation facilities for Maleny and surrounding districts**

**To create, establish and sustain sport and recreation facilities on The Maleny Community Precinct**

**To cooperate with other similar organizations in Maleny and surrounding districts**

Affiliate/individual membership: \$20.00

Membership forms available from:

John Brown

Mitre 10, Teak Steet, Maleny

or download one from:

**[www.mdsarcinc.com](http://www.mdsarcinc.com)**

## Club Achievements 2010

*Here are just some of the highlights of what has been achieved by a wide array of Maleny organisations throughout 2010:*

*The Witta Tennis Club secured state government funding for a third tennis court to accommodate their growing membership and also ran their first junior development tennis camp for younger members.*

*Maleny Golf Club constructed and commenced operating the Golf Driving Range and at their December meeting, the Precinct Advisory Group unanimously supported a set of lease boundaries for the golf course which will provide adequate land for construction of a quality 18 hole community golf course.*

*The Rotary Club supported and successfully mounted a professional musical "Up the Tiber Without A Toga" with the backing of many individuals and community groups.*

*Witta Recreation Club saw the installation of drainage and new lights and resurfacing of their fields, and signed up more teams than ever before.*

*The Maleny Tennis Club built a new extension and deck at their clubhouse.*

*The Maleny Cricket Club further developed the 'IntoCricket' program for young cricketers.*

*The Range Croquet Club saw club membership rise to their biggest ever and won the Lochwood Shield Div I & II Sunshine Coast Region.*

*Maleny Singers hosted and staged Opera on the Range.*

*Maleny Indoor Activity Centre secured outdoor lighting, and provided access to a record number of community groups' activities, now in use 6 nights weekly.*

*4 boys from the Maleny Judo Club competed in the Qld International Open, with all 4 medalling and qualifying for the Qld State Team; 3 of the boys are training in preparation for the National Titles.*

*The Maleny Rangers Soccer Club hosted an Under 6 Football Carnival in Maleny that attracted over 300 players from around the Sunshine Coast.*

*Maleny Little Athletics convened the Suncoast Regional Relay Day (in Caloundra as there was no suitable local venue) where 716 athletes competed in the one day carnival.*

*MDSRC congratulates all Maleny Clubs and their members - and anticipates a big and busy 2011 together.*