

Meridan Fields Sporting Complex

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From 2026, Meridan Fields Sporting Complex will be the home of the Kawana Dolphins Senior and Junior Rugby League Clubs. The venue features six rectangular playing fields, two fenced grassed hockey fields, two ovals, carparking, as well as two separate clubhouse spaces.

What are the benefits of the new fields and clubhouse?

Kawana Senior and Junior Rugby League Clubs will have access to up to eight fields and an upgraded clubhouse.

The existing fields and clubhouse will undergo significant upgrades to ensure it is fit-for-purpose to accommodate a thriving rugby league club.

Field upgrades:

Lighting

- The main field will be lit to 200 lux and fields 2 and 3 will be lit to a minimum of 100 lux.
- Back lighting will be provided to fields 4 and 5 allowing up to 60 meters of compliant training spaces on each of these ovals.

Ticketing, fencing & scoreboard

- Council will provide fencing to enable ticketing of senior games.
- Fields 1 and 2 will be fenced for player safety, crowd segregation and sponsorship signage.

Other embellishments will include:

- Powered ticket box
- Powered scorers' box for fields 1 and 2
- Scoreboards to fields 1 and 2 and portable scoreboards for additional fields
- Timekeeper boxes/video platform for fields 1 and 2
- Player/coach boxes for fields 1,2 and 3.

Clubhouse upgrades:

Storage

- There are three storage areas within the clubhouse—two large areas and one smaller area totalling 33m².
- There is a large four-bay shed onsite. This shed is large enough to accommodate grounds maintenance equipment and sports club gear.
- An additional three-bay shed will be constructed for storage and grounds maintenance needs.

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Clubhouse extension

As requested by the Club, works will be undertaken to the existing clubhouse facility to include more storage, relocation of the first-aid room and a 91m² extension to the clubroom.

Another shed will be constructed adjacent to the clubhouse. The Club has indicated this may be a shared-use gymnasium.

The upgraded clubhouse also includes:

- Six changerooms
- Referees room
- First-aid room
- Bar and canteen facilities
- Spectator amenities
- Large, shaded area– approx. 295sqm
- New structural steel framing between existing steel columns
- 2400H glazing to clubroom extension
- Single-level access compliant including accessible amenities
- Office space

When will the Clubs relocate?

The Club will stay at its current location at Kawana Sports Precinct while the upgrades to the Meridan Fields Sporting Complex are completed through 2024 and 2025.

Initial infrastructure work on the Meridan Fields will begin in October 2024 and will not impact the current lessee's operations (Caloundra FC).

Council will help with relocation costs up to an agreed value.

How many car parks will be available?

There will be 260 shared carparks plus overflow parking for a 150 additional vehicles.

As requested by the Club, Council will revise the car park layout to further increase the number of

car parks available for patrons coming to the venue via Red Cedar Drive.

Will Council assist with grounds maintenance at the new venue?

Yes. Council will undertake full grounds maintenance of Meridan Fields Sporting Complex after the Club relocates, for two years post relocation.

The Club should acquire its own grounds maintenance equipment during this time. Council Grants may be available to cover these costs.

After two years, the Club will be eligible for approx. \$46,000 of sports field maintenance funding from Council, each year to support grounds maintenance expenses.

Prior to relocation, Council will clean the facilities and complete all maintenance identified in a recent facility audit.

How will Council manage the Mosquitos and midges?

There is no regular treatment program for mosquitos or midges in this area however, if required, Council will respond to requests to investigate the need for targeted treatment of grounds and surrounds.

Peak Mosquito season on the Sunshine Coast is Feb-April.

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