



Scott Walker

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About Scott

Scott, along with Dion Collins, took over the ROSS Planning reins in 2010 after working as a senior consultant at the firm since 2006. Scott has gained broad experience in the leisure and community planning sectors during his 25 years in the industry. He has experience across a range of roles, including more than 10 years within local government.

Scott offers a wealth of experience in facility planning, management and policy; open space planning; community and organisation development; project management and community consultation. During his time with Logan City Council, Scott was the Coordinator of the Community Infrastructure Unit (Planning and Management). At council, he had strategic planning and management responsibilities for Logan's 180,000 residents. He also has extensive knowledge of the processes involved in obtaining state government funding for council projects, evidenced by his success in attracting more than \$15 million in state funding to Logan City.

With first-hand experience in sport and recreation planning for a local government, alongside his extensive support for a number of local community organisations, Scott offers clear, concise and pragmatic advice to his clients. He is happy to share information to help clients understand different options and their likely consequences. He believes this approach leads to more robust and acceptable solutions to be formed. Scott prides himself on keeping an open door on projects and encourages clients to stay in touch.

Other information

- Planning and implementation of a range of major and community facilities including the Redcliffe Tennis Centre Gould Adams Park Aquatic and Community Centre, Mt Gravatt Indoor Sports Centre, Logan Metro Sports Complex and Springwood Aquatic Centre
- Attracting over \$15 million of external funding for the planning, design and construction of a range of community facilities

Education

- Diploma of Teaching (Secondary) (Physical Education and Mathematics), QUT (formerly known as Brisbane College of Advanced Education) (1989)
- Graduate of Public Venue Management School (1999)

Employment history

- 2010 - current Managing Director, ROSS Planning
- 2006 - 2010 Senior Consultant, ROSS Planning
- 2000 - 2006 Community Infrastructure Coordinator, Logan City Council
- 1996 - 2000 Sport Development Officer, Logan City Council
- 1991 - 1996 Student Activities Coordinator, Bremer Institute of TAFE

Memberships

- Member, Parks and Leisure Australia
- Member, Queensland Outdoor Recreation Federation (QORF)



Behind the scenes.

Scott often road-tests many of his thoughts and recommendations with his two teenage daughters. His daughters often provide positive critiques and suggest left-of-field alternatives to ways in which to encourage people to be active.



Feature projects

Muswellbrook Shire Council - Recreation Needs and Management Strategy

This Recreation Strategy was completed with extensive stakeholder and community involvement and included sport and recreation facility assessments, community organisation capacity building, open space assessment, specific indoor sports and aquatic needs assessment (including management recommendations) and prioritisation of future developments and initiatives. The community of Muswellbrook is heavily impacted by mining and shift-work, which has a considerable impact on sport provision – as such, Scott worked with the community and the clubs to develop recommendations that were considerate of these influences.

Sunshine Coast Regional Council - Maroochydore Indoor Sports Complex Feasibility Study

This project involved completing a feasibility study to determine the most appropriate site/location, indicative capital costs, financial projections, potential partners and management arrangements for the development of a major indoor sporting facility in the Maroochydore/Buderim area.

The development of the concept designs included a full investigation of the necessary inclusions such as sports courts, cafe, gymnasium, meeting rooms, office spaces and other ancillary facilities, consistent with community needs and indoor sports' provision trends.

Key milestones of the project included the development of a community engagement plan, situational analysis report, feasibility study and presentation of concept plans (with options).

Project experience

Below is a range of the projects Scott has managed at ROSS Planning:

- Bundaberg Regional Council - Regional Aquatic Centre Feasibility Study
- Sunshine Coast regional Council - Maroochydore Indoor Sports Complex Feasibility Study
- City of Orange - Wade and Moulder Park Master Plans
- Softball Queensland - State Facilities Plan
- Singleton Council - Open Space and Recreation Needs Study
- Central Queensland University (Mackay) - Sports Precinct Master Plan
- Gladstone Regional Council - Harvey Road and Palm Drive Master Plans
- Ipswich City Council - Analysis of Sport, Recreation and Physical Activity Trends
- Broken Hill City Council - Assessment of Council's Ability to Manage the Broken Hill Regional Aquatic Centre
- Blackall Tambo Regional Council - Sport and Recreation Plan
- Easts Tigers - Langlands Precinct Master Plan
- Kingaroy Shire Council - Sport and Recreation Plan
- Logan City Council - Community Facilities Strategy
- Logan City Council - Sport Optimisation Strategy - Volume 1 and 2
- Muswellbrook Shire Council - Recreation Needs and Management Strategy
- Pine Rivers Shire Council - Park Land Management Plans (x 8)

