

A SNAPSHOT OF BELLI PARK - COOLOOLABIN - GHEERULLA - COOLABINE



LOCALITY PROFILE



LOCALITY FACTS



» Community Spaces and Places:

- » Pioneer Park Bushland Conservation Reserve
- » Mapleton Forest Reserve
- » Blackall Range
- » Cooloolabin Dam
- » Gheerulla Creek
- » Belli Creek Park
- » Cooloolabin Dam Park
- » Browns Road Corner Park
- » Gheerulla Cemetery

Note: This is not an exhaustive list. This is only indicative of the types of facilities available in the area

Belli Park - Cooloolabin - Gheerulla - Coolabine is predominantly rural, with some rural residential areas. To the north is the West Cooroy State Forest, to the west is the Gympie Region, south-west is Kenilworth and south is Mapleton and Kureelapa. Belli Park is named after a local surveyor's favourite horse. Cooloolabin and Coolabine are named from Aboriginal words meaning "place of koalas" and "koala" respectively. Gheerulla is named from an Aboriginal word meaning "empty creek".

Sunshine Coast Council acknowledges the Traditional Owners of this land and their rich cultural heritage. For more information on the Indigenous history of this area, visit www.sunshinecoastcis.qld.gov.au/indigi.html.

European settlement of the area dates from the late 1800s, with land used mainly for timber-getting and grazing. The most significant development occurred from the post-war years. The population increased slightly during the early 1990s.



Cooloolabin Dam Park

LOCAL INSIGHT



Browns Road Corner Park at Belli Park

According to the local community.....

People choose to live here for the quiet and peaceful lifestyle, and love being surrounded by an abundance of bushland, wildlife and plenty of space. "It's reasonably quiet and we get a lot of privacy as we are far off the road so we do not get interrupted very often." Locals love living in "a rural area, but still close to the coast and Brisbane" and enjoy accessing the many horse riding and bushwalking trails throughout the area. Locals also choose to live here as housing is affordable, and they value the strong sense of community which is "interested in fostering community building". People connect with the local community by attending local events and being involved in local activities such as "old time dances which have successfully run for 10 years and brought a lot of joy and happiness to many people". Being neighbourly and helpful, and shopping locally are other activities that ensure locals of the area are well connected to their community.

This Local Insight section has been developed from community responses to the *Community Neighbourhood Survey 2010* and other recent 2010 consultations.

KEY STATISTICS FOR LOCALITY

	Locality	Sunshine Coast	Queensland
Home owners	39.4%	34.2%	30.4%
Home renters	14.9%	28.4%	30.0%
Detached housing	91.3%	61.6%	69.5%
Medium density housing	0.4%	15.1%	13.3%
High density housing	0.0%	7.0%	5.3%
Total couples with children	46.0%	38.5%	43.3%
Total one parent families	12.5%	15.8%	15.9%
Couple families without children	41.5%	44.7%	39.1%
Lone person households	19.1%	21.9%	21.7%
Group households	3.5%	3.8%	4.3%
Total primary school attending	8.8% (112)	8.7% (24,144)	8.9% (348,118)
Total secondary school attending	5.3% (67)	6.2% (17,047)	6.1% (236,526)
Total tertiary attending	3.5% (43)	3.9% (10,635)	5.2% (205,517)

AGE STRUCTURE FOR LOCALITY

	Locality	Sunshine Coast	Queensland
0 to 4	6.5%	5.8%	6.5%
5 to 11	9.2%	9.2%	9.6%
12 to 17	9.4%	8.3%	8.5%
18 to 24	5.6%	7.1%	9.4%
25 to 34	8.6%	10.4%	13.3%
35 to 49	25.8%	21.2%	21.8%
50 to 59	17.7%	13.8%	12.9%
60 to 69	10.0%	11.6%	9.0%
70 to 84	6.2%	10.8%	7.5%
85 and over	0.9%	1.9%	1.5%

» **Total population** 1,277
» **Land area** 18,824 Hectares

Please note: This locality sheet is produced by the Community Planning and Strategy Unit, using ABS 2006 Census data based on enumerated population, and is part of a set of 44 locality snapshots within the Sunshine Coast region.

This fact sheet is based on the Sunshine Coast Council Community Profile, which is available at www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au