



Samford
commons

A place to grow...



2017–18
Annual Report

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Samford Commons Makers Lane, held as part of the Samford 100 celebrations in November 2018, featured work from a range of talented local makers.



1 Foreword by the board

Samford Commons aspires to be a practical, dynamic example of sustainability principles in action. The support of a growing number of members, groups and organisations is heartening to see.

With so many people volunteering their time and ideas towards building a sustainable community, the Board is well supported to provide the governance and oversight to secure our vision of living, learning, working and playing sustainably in Samford.

Our partnerships with Moreton Bay Regional Council, Regional Development Australia Moreton Bay, Moreton Bay Regional Industry and Tourism (MBRIT) and a growing number of community organisations continues to be our strength. We continue to work with State and Federal governments to secure the tangible support and resources we need for the Commons to progress to the next stage.

Our thanks go to three directors who resigned from the Board since the last Annual General Meeting: Ellena Stone, Karen Warbrooke and Lucille Chalmers.

Ellena Stone has been an active volunteer at Samford Commons over many years particularly focussing on education initiatives at the Commons and was actively involved in the successful STEAM Immersion program conducted in late 2017. She is currently working with regional berry farmers as part of Samford Commons War on Waste.

Karen Warbrooke has a long association with Samford Commons and was one of the initial directors on the Board and more recently contributed as the Company Secretary. Karen is also an active volunteer at regular Samford Commons activities and general meetings.

Lucille Chalmers has been a participant and volunteer at Samford Commons over many years. She became a director of the Samford Commons Board in 2015 and served as Chairperson prior to her resignation in August 2018. Lucille provided strong leadership during a challenging period for

Samford Commons and made significant governance improvements to the Board.

The contribution of all three directors is gratefully acknowledged and we wish them all the best in the future.

Ed Sweeney was appointed to a casual vacancy on the Board in August 2018. Ed brings a wealth of experience to Samford Commons from a career in Information Technology, Law and Business.

Stuart Blacket and Leah Hudson continue on the Board after being elected by members at the 2017 Annual General Meeting. Both of these directors have worked tirelessly on behalf of Samford Commons in varied activities such as marketing, business development, infrastructure and precinct coordination.

John Elliott, a practising accountant, continues on the Board as Treasurer and Rob Seljak as Secretary.

The Board would like to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of Howard Nielsen. Howard has been a driving force behind Samford Commons since the early days of community engagement and collaboration many years ago. Howard's commitment to the vision of Samford Commons as a hub for innovation and sustainability has never wavered over the years and he remains an integral part to the continuing Commons journey.

In 2019 we look forward to achieving the next phase of our sustainable future at Samford Commons.

*Directors: Stuart Blacket, John Elliot,
Leah Hudson, Rob Seljak, Ed Sweeney*

2 Highlights of the last 12 months

This year has been one where we have maximized our potential in a situation where the availability of built structures has been minimal. We have delivered programs and designed and implemented exciting projects to model sustainable living, learning, working and playing. A wide range of initiatives are already adding value to business, education, employment and government as well as to the local community.

Business growth

'Long table dinners' have helped local start-up businesses make connections, while the strategic plan predicts significant value generated for the region via a range of initiatives.

220

meals shared by people making connections at

9 long table dinners



7 Start-up businesses signed as partners

\$15m

to be generated for region over 10 years



Partnerships & collaborations

7

Business partners and collaborators

2

School partners and collaborators

9

community partners and collaborators

4

Government and university partners and collaborators



Immersion programs

A STEAM Immersion Program for school students was run in December 2017 in tandem with Mitchelton State High School.

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schools participated

1,200 student hours



80% female students



480

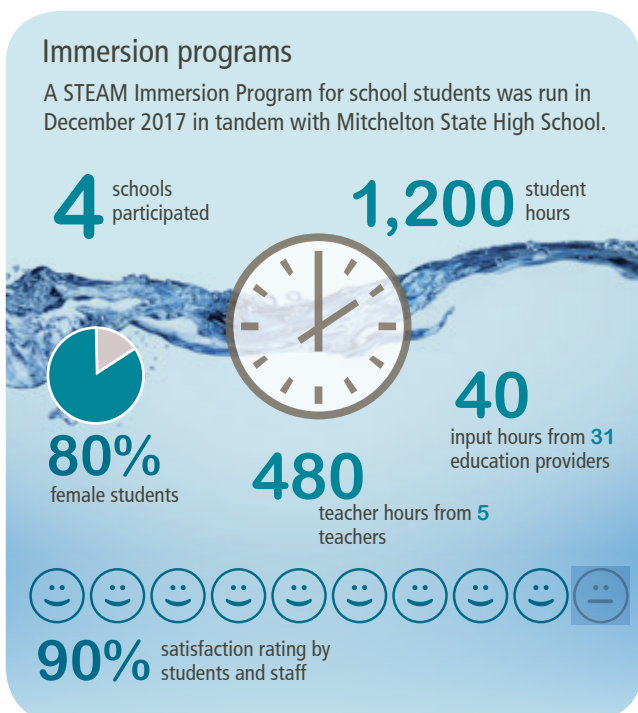
teacher hours from 5 teachers

40

input hours from 31 education providers



90% satisfaction rating by students and staff



Maker Festival

Queensland's first Maker Festival was held in late 2017, with a range of activities, workshops and maker's stalls.

54

stalls (clothing, art, furniture, jewellery, drones, 3D printers, homewares and more) plus activities like go-kart building and hula hoops

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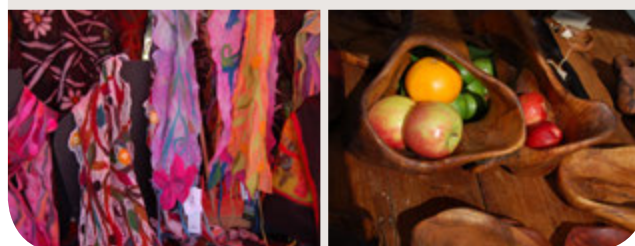
workshops held during the festival

80

workshop participants

1,200

festival goers in one day



STEAM Immersion programs

Our flagship STEAM Immersion Program delivered in late 2017 was initiated in tandem with Mitchelton State High School, our Lead Secondary School and sponsor for the program. In December 2017, fifteen students from four secondary schools in South East Queensland experienced a learning program unique in Australia. It included contributions from fourteen organisations including a university, an iconic medical research facility, local farmers, environmental specialists, local artists and videographers, technology educators, teachers, an engineering group and Samford businesses. For 2019 the program has been endorsed and part sponsored by Innovate Moreton Bay and enjoys a partnership with a new P-12 school to deliver the STEAM Immersion Program to over 25 schools in the region and beyond.

Maker events

Last year's successful Maker Festival was followed in 2018 by the Makers Lane as part of the Samford 100 Years events. In parallel with this we have been designing a monthly Makers Market which is expected to be initiated in early 2019.

Wellbeing Trail and Immersion program

The wellbeing and resilience of human beings has been the focus of a Wellbeing Immersion Program planned for delivery in 2019. The forerunner to this was the world-first Wellbeing Trail conducted as part of the Samford 100 Years events. The event engaged fifteen local businesses, six sponsors and multiple community groups in an organized program of wellbeing activities which will be the foundation of an Immersion Program for both students and adults in 2019.



Wellbeing Trail map, showing the 17 trail stops



Visitors at the Eco Corridor during the Wellbeing Trail

Innovation

As Founding Partners of *Innovate Moreton Bay* we have pioneered significant innovation activity in the region, as described elsewhere in this report and on www.samfordcommons.org.au/reports.

A presence at the state government Myriad event has been rewarded by endorsement as an Innovation Hub within the State Government's Advance Regional Innovation Program. This will embed us as a catalyst for creative activity and support other sustainable community entrepreneurs.

Our recent announcement as a two-time finalist in the Moreton Bay Community Organisation of the Year Award reflects our growing presence and leadership. Our participation in ARIP's invitation-only Annual Forum also reflects our perceived role as an innovative presence in the state and region.

Digital champions

Samford Commons has sponsored a second technology professional, Dr Elizabeth Heck, in the State Government's Digital Champions program. Elizabeth conducts a monthly digi-drop-in service at the Community Library at Samford Commons. She joins another Commons-sponsored Digital Champion, Kate vanderVoort.

Training and employment

The ongoing partnership with Marist 180 and the State Government's Skilling Queensland program has helped rebuild our Studio 54 Building and provide a new courtyard, furniture and facilities for Millen Farm, the developing events precinct and the Community Library. It has also taught more than 100 trainees about construction, with over half of them gaining employment, contributing to personal resilience and community benefit.

War on Waste

Ellena Stone from our very active partner Kids Community Collect connected with the owners of Luvaberry Farm to initiate a War on Waste program, which puts to use fruit which would otherwise have been consigned to waste. This has been very successful and continues into 2019.

Renewable energy

The State Government Community Sustainability Program enabled us to connect a 5kwh solar system and battery to Studio 54, along with a low energy hot water system, thus providing green energy for use at the farm and the whole Samford Commons precinct.

Our long term planning for community owned renewable energy is now reaching the practical stages with the likely outcome being the engagement by at least one precinct of local businesses to take on the project.

Training and employment

Partnership with Marist 180 (training long term unemployed) while university interns work on various practical projects.

90 vocational trainees graduated



30 graduates in teams deliver **3** major projects with a value of **\$150,000**



\$150,000 added to MBRC community asset at Commons site

82% employment placement for trainees



6 university interns from **3** universities

\$1.8m investment from government Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative returning to local economy

Reducing waste

Our War on Waste program is helping reduce food wastage by selling glut fruit from regional farmers via pop-up stores.

490 kg of fruit saved, sold and used



3 types of fruit saved from landfill

95 community members purchased glut fruit

6 low waste pop-up days held in 2017-18



'Ink on the Couch' youth art

A group of young arts entrepreneurs came to Samford Commons with the concept of a quarterly arts-music gig for young people, 'Ink on the Couch'. The first very successful event was held off-site in September 2018 with over 80 people participating. Quarterly events are planned on-site for 2019, space permitting, along with financial sponsorship announced by MBRC.

Food

Our established partnership with Millen Farm continues with the Wednesday Markets a proven success. We are pleased to provide significant storage and working space for the farm, while also marketing them online and inviting them to Commons events run throughout the year.

Community space

While built space is very minimal, we are pleased to provide significant room from which the Community Library is able to operate for two days each week. Similarly we enjoy promoting them online and inviting them to Commons events.

Other groups such as Samford Support Network also utilize valuable storage space at the Commons.

University research and development

High level reports by consulting teams led by Associate Professor Ron Johnson from the University of Queensland have enabled us to be better informed about our sustainable business practice and the design and delivery of our innovation programs. This is a valuable long-term partnership, as are the partnerships with Griffith University and the Australian Catholic University, where we have an internship program that has added creative value to our vision as 'a place to grow.'

Events

Events such as the Long Table Dinner program for start-up businesses and the community had a robust start in 2017. The loss of access to Glasshouse 22 has seen a need to renew the program in a different setting. A new events space and program is being planned for implementation in 2019.

A child and pet dog watch the billy cart races at Samford Commons Maker Festival in November 2017

Planning

The revision of the 10 year Economic Plan and redrafted business plan has been undertaken due to changed availability of built facilities. The Economic Plan shows a return of over \$19m to Samford and \$30m to the Moreton Bay Region over 10 years

Upgrading buildings

Funds from the Community Benefit Fund have been used to upgrade both Studio 54 and the B22Glasshouse. The availability of B54 has enabled our partner Millen Farm to store materials and food and has also provided workshop space for the Marist 180 trainees who refurbished Studio 54.

The B22 Glasshouse was refurbished to replace glass panels and mesh netting so that it could be used in 2017-18 as a space for Long Table dinners, member meetings, workshops and the delivery of programs such as the STEAM Immersion Program. These uses have had to be stopped due to Council regulation. Thanks to the Community Benefit Fund for their flexibility in enabling funds to be used for a variety of purposes.



3 Opportunities & challenges

Creating and taking opportunities

One of the serious drawbacks of not yet having access to increased built space is that a number of opportunities we have initiated or attracted have not been able to proceed. This has restrained the potential to add value and has also seriously curtailed our capacity to generate funds to provide better community services.

These opportunities are real, closely aligned to our business plan and supported by keen and professional people or organisations. Hopefully the resolution of issues regarding site planning and health and safety will enable many of these projects to proceed in the months and years ahead. For commercial in-confidence purposes full details cannot be disclosed at this stage.

These opportunities have been initiated over a period of three years, with most being initiated in 2017-18, and include:

- Community Hub building as part of the Samford Commons precinct – consultation with 15 community agencies to establish space and resource needs for education, knowledge building, wellbeing activity, the arts and creative events. Detailed architects drawings provided to Council for consideration as part of a federal government funded project, to include the refurbishment of selected current buildings and the construction of a new building. These are ready to be activated pending grant funding.
- Establishment of two sustainable food production activities
- Establishment of a maker space ‘Launch Pad’ as part of the emerging Innovation Hub, in conjunction with a current partner – partnership signed, architects plans provided and innovative program devised. Ready to be activated pending space availability.
- Training space contract with a state-wide agricultural training institution – three site visits conducted and general points of agreement reached. Timed to start in early 2019 pending space availability.



The Tinker Town stall run by Kids Community Collect at the Maker Festival and Wellbeing Trail allows children to play and make things using a mixture of found objects and recycled materials.

- Fertiliser research contract with a commercial research and development organization partnering a university – two site visits conducted and letter of agreement drafted. Ready to be activated pending space availability.
- Construction and establishment of a nature play kindergarten – three site visits and detailed architects plans produced. Ready to go to expressions-of-interest stage.
- Partnership with a professional agency to collect and process recyclable material as part of the state government recycle program – three site visits and working agreement drafted. Ready to be activated pending planning approval.
- Vacation programs for students on STEM activity – two site visits and draft agreement. Ready to be activated pending space availability.
- Establishment of a mid-level accommodation centre for up to 60 students, community organisations, sporting groups, arts community, STEAM camps and visitors – one site visit and follow up consultation continuing. Quotes received to relocate buildings and architects concept plans drafted.
- Activity space for numerous wellbeing and educational organisations requesting a location for projects with students and community members. Ready to be activated pending space availability.
- Establishment of a partnering special school which requires a natural setting for advanced educational practices for children with special needs – one site visit and follow up consultation continuing.

Building a legacy for the future

After four years, Samford Commons and its board, members, partners and networks are inspired by the support from the growing collective of people with the energy, insight and capacity to bring these opportunities to fruition.

The collective strength and commitment of the three tiers of government, the community and the business sector will enable this to happen. The journey is worth taking if we are to leave a legacy for future generations.

Key challenges

The chief challenge remains the resourcing of built and human infrastructure at Samford Commons. Samford Commons is a multi-million dollar facility that has relied almost entirely on skilled and semi-skilled volunteer worker input. This cannot continue without significant investment of time and professional support.

At the same time it is a major challenge to maintain and build the diverse group of members and volunteers who continually demonstrate an exceptional level of professionalism, expertise and experience, as well as long term commitment. These groups are vital to the continued practical action and operations of Samford Commons.

4 The work of the collective

4.1 Members Group

Thirty-five Foundation Members, including board members, formed the initial Members Group which has been both the rudder and sail for the ship that is Samford Commons. Their contributions continue to be added to by new members who bring new skills, ideas and energies.

The members meet monthly in a workshop process to develop and agree on major projects and activities and to enhance underlying principles and values, purposes, decision forming processes, governance guidelines, project plans and practical implementation strategies.

It has also been the core group that has staffed public stalls at local shows and events. It has worked with the Board to get things done.

4.2 Working groups

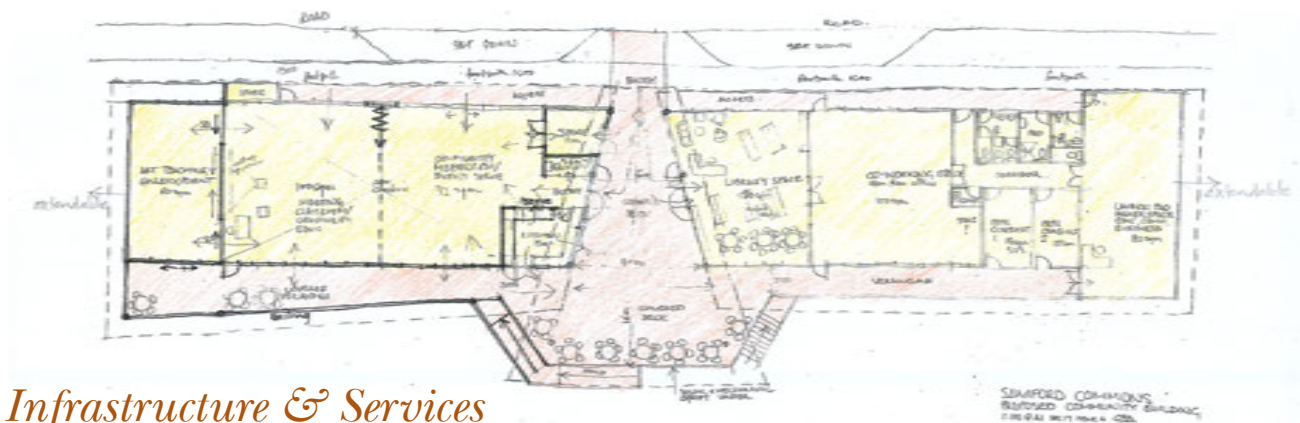
Working groups have been set up to provide guidance and development for core requirements of Samford Commons.

These are focused on:

- Infrastructure and Services
- People and Culture
- Marketing and Communications
- School of Sustainability
- Samford Power
- War on Waste.

Design concept for the community hub building.





Infrastructure & Services

Purpose

- Master Plan:
 - Align SCL Strategic Master Plan with MBRC's Strategic Planning and Economic Development (precinct development, road and parking infrastructure)
 - Propose detailed solutions for the public realm spaces between buildings
 - Develop principles for integration of public art, landscaping and sustainable design.
- Buildings and Structure:
 - Design documentation to suit user requirements and code compliance within the proposed SCL lease boundary
 - Coordinate site-wide building services and utilities (roads, parking, electricity, communications, water, sewerage, alternative energy generation).

Progress to date

- *Glasshouse B22*: Council advised that glasshouse use is strictly for agricultural purposes. SCL prior lease for the glasshouse has now expired and will not be renewed.
- *Liaison with groups interested in utilising the site for commercial purposes*: Groups have been referred to Council's strategic planning and economic development department.
- *New community hub building*: MBRC made an application to the Federal government fund, Building Better Regions #2. The application for \$1.5 million was submitted in Nov 2017 and MBRC had allocated a budget of \$1.5 million for capital works on the site. SCL consulted with council to provide input to the application. A third party pro bono architect, Ralph Bailey, of Guymer Bailey architects was engaged to prepare a building concept to meet the budgeted floor plan area of 360 m². As part of the consultation process, a range of community partners and groups were asked to determine floor space and function within the building.

A detailed floor plan materialised from this exercise. Although this report was submitted to council, due to compressed timing for grant application deadlines, council submitted a generic building design supplied by Mode architects for the grant application. Their rationale was that at this stage the building design being only conceptual in nature would not impact the grant outcome. MBRC were unsuccessful in winning a grant in this round

- MBRC will re-contest the Building Better Regions infrastructure grant #3 in November 2018. SCL will re-submit material. The round is expected to be announced in Q1 2019
- A number of approaches have been made to State Government via the local member and the Department of State Development to determine appropriate ways to fund the site's redevelopment. SCL would expect future State Government funding assistance as part of a 3 tier government funding package led by MBRC
- MBRC are currently working on a new Strategic Master Plan for the whole site. SCL will endeavour to maintain an appropriate level of input into this ongoing process
- Marist 180 have secured two more rounds of funding for construction trainees. Building 54 is their base for training and further improvements to this building are a priority.
- Solar system, battery and hot water system was installed on Building 54, funded by the State Government Community Sustainability Grant.
- Large marquee purchased, to be installed as a space to house new activities on site.

People participating: Cameron Meekin, John Atkinson, Alan Sonnenburg, Ralph Bailey and Tim Guymer of Guymer Bailey Architects, Howard Nielsen, Daniel Nordh, Peter Booth of Sulinski Booth Architects plus working group volunteers.

Stuart Blacket (Convenor)

People and Culture

Purpose

The People and Culture team look after the human element of the Commons, including general meetings, volunteer support and member administration.

Main achievements this year

- Attendance at many community events to showcase Samford Commons to the wider community. Events included Festivalley, Samford State School Fair, Samford 100 Festival, Wellbeing Festival amongst others.
- New membership payment portal up and running via the website.

Objectives for next 12–24 months

- Recruit, train and retain new volunteers in the areas of administration, volunteer management, marketing and events!
- Continue to show gratitude to volunteers by increasing reward and recognition through volunteer spotlight and volunteer functions.
- Continue to strengthen communication further between Working Groups, The Board and General Manager.
- Continue to build the culture of commons through open communication and empowered distributed leadership.

Main challenges

- Maintaining the big picture view of the core Samford Commons concept
- Supporting resilience of volunteers
- Communication between Working Groups and the broad cross-section of partners
- Keeping morale and member engagement high in challenging circumstances.

People participating: Leah Hudson, George Quezada, Mel and Jo Wilkinson, Howard Nielsen, Carolyn King, Stuart Blacket

*George Quezada and Leah Hudson
(Co-Convenors)*



Samford Commons has a stand at many community events, such as the 2018 Samford 100 celebrations.

Marquee kindly sponsored by the State Government Community Benefit Fund and Extreme Marquees.

Marketing & Communications

Purpose

Effective marketing and communication will help Samford Commons achieve its vision and purpose, by communicating with a wide range of stakeholders: local residents, community groups, government representatives, educators, students, businesses, media, industry bodies and non-profit organisations.

Specifically, the group aims to:

- Raise awareness and keep people informed
- Provide channels/processes to connect people
- Attract members, volunteers and partnerships
- Support fundraising activities
- Document the Samford Commons story
- Promote a shared understanding of the Samford Commons vision and values
- Facilitate effective communication within and between working groups and related entities.

Main achievements

- Promoted Samford Commons at the Samford Show, Samford 100 celebration and other school and community events
- Planned and promoted the Wellbeing Trail
- Published articles in the Village Pump
- Maintained and updated the Samford Commons [Facebook](#) page and [website](#)
- Designed a set of cards and booklet highlighting achievements over recent years
- Designed and produced Annual Report
- Designed and produced a colourful branded marquee for use at community events.



Our Annual Report is produced every year to report progress to members, partner organisations, government, community groups and other interested stakeholders.



This set of cards highlights achievements and helps us tell the ongoing story of Samford Commons.

Objectives for the next 12–24 months

- Continue with events and communication activities to support key priorities
- Develop educational and promotional materials to support events
- Ongoing management of Samford Commons social media and website.

Main challenges

- Limited funding for communication activities
- Limited availability of people to lead the team, attend meetings and do time-critical work
- Sharing information, learning and resources effectively across a dispersed team.

People participating: Carolyn King, Ellena Stone, Daisy Bradford, Leah Hudson, Howard Nielsen, John Hudson.

Carolyn King (Convenor)

Samford Commons social media stats

- 350 new Facebook page likes since Nov 2017
- Average post reach 400 – 500 people
- Best reach/engagement posts were about War on Waste activities, between 3000 – 5000 reached.



Samford Commons School of Sustainability

Purpose

The School of Sustainability will offer learning opportunities across a full range of curriculum areas relating to education towards a sustainable community and society.

The ESTEAM curriculum (Entrepreneurship, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics) is the catalyst for inclusive co-learning accessible to school students, tertiary students, members of the community and workplace staff.

Innovation education and engagement programs will be a focus in the period ahead.

Main achievements

- The STEAM Immersion Program was delivered at the end of 2017 for 15 year 9 students from four local and regional schools. Partnering with Mitchelton High School as a sponsoring school, this program is unique in Australia and engaged eight local community and business leaders in sustainability and six other agencies from the wider Brisbane region in its delivery. Specialist science, research and technology experts from Brisbane were engaged
- Mitchelton State High School joined our Partnering Schools group and took on the role as Lead School for the STEAM Immersion Program, including financial sponsorship.
- The evaluation of the program highlighted a 90% satisfaction rating from students and teachers.



The Wellbeing Trail included mental wellbeing activities, such as this rope labyrinth at the Anglican Church.



- In 2018 Innovate Moreton Bay agreed to fund scholarships for students to participate in further delivery of the STEAM Immersion Program. These will be undertaken in 2019 in partnership with a number of schools and sponsors.
- The Wellbeing Immersion Program was designed in 2017–18 and an important component of that program included the Wellbeing Trail which was conducted as part of the Samford 100 events program in November 2018. This world first event received positive feedback from participating community members, and the support, engagement and expertise of 15 local businesses and groups enabled a successful first event. Many thanks to Samford Rotary, MBRIT, MBRC, Extreme Marquees, Grace Lutheran at Rothwell and Colorcorp for their significant sponsorship of the Wellbeing Trail and Makers Lane.
- Congratulations to all the Trail sites: Tinker Town, Terry White Chemmart, Snap Fitness, Impact Hearing, SwimFit, Samford Museum, Samford Village Healthy Minds, Pilates Lifestyle and Wellbeing, The Performance Place, Southern Cross Tennis, Anglican Church, Samford Eco Corridor, Pilates Emporium and Ferny Hills Guides. Also many thanks to caterers Long Yard Larder, Powerful Owl Café and the Patisserie.
- There are plans to construct a Wellbeing Immersion Program for schools in 2019, based on the delivery of the Wellbeing Trail.

Objectives for the next 12–24 months

- Continue to finalise and activate an agreement with the Department of Education and Training Queensland regarding the human resourcing of SCSOS
- Continue to follow up funding from the Advance Queensland grant to resource built infrastructure
- Continue to establish a government-private-community partnership to facilitate the operation of SCSOS
- Continue to explore and finalise sponsors
- Activate expanded agreements with selected local schools regarding their use of the site and engage teachers in co-creation of units/projects linked to the curriculum
- Continue to build and strengthen links with and between partnering entities and local community, for learning opportunities..

Main challenges

- Expanding the range of Immersion Programs with limited resources
- Developing viable units/projects with current condition of buildings and lack of facilities
- Developing a rational operational structure to optimise use of school allocated teach time for co-creation of curriculum
- Funding key organisation personnel
- Introducing appropriate technology
- Inclusion of a nature based child care/learning facility
- Integrating with the planned Launch Pad maker space and Innovation Hub.

People involved: Damian Larkin, Phil Driver, Karen Hannay, Michael Holmstrom, Lois Cutmore, Jacob Cheung, Howard Nielsen, Ellena Stone, Volker Jahnke, Elizabeth Heck and Carolyn King.

Convenor: Howard Nielsen



The Wellbeing Trail was a world first, providing a fun way to connect people to local organisations related to physical, mental and social wellbeing.

Samford Power

Purpose

The working group exists to coordinate both the development of a community owned energy services enterprise and physical infrastructure to supply the Samford Commons site with affordable clean energy. The ultimate aim of the working group is to make clean energy easy to implement for asset/property owners and easy to invest in for anyone in the greater Samford region and beyond.

Main achievements

Development of a clean energy pilot project, involving:

- A clean energy audit at a local commercial property
- Identification of alternative service model options for Samford Commons to facilitate clean energy solutions with businesses and households.

Objectives for the next 12–24 months

- Finalise pilot project and agree on a service model option
- Scale up the model with property owners across the Samford region.

Main challenges:

- Time constraints for working group members.

People involved: Howard Nielsen, Mark Gjerek, Stephen Lewis and Alan Sonnenburg.

George Quezada (Convenor)



Samford Commons War on Waste (WOW)

Purpose

The working group exists to coordinate projects in the community to do with waste reduction.



Main achievements

- In partnership with LuvaBerry farm, we have saved over 1 tonne of edible waste fruit by holding 'carpark' parties to get the perfectly edible waste fruit into the hands of members of the community.
- LuvaBerry Farm has donated \$1 to SCL for every kilogram of waste fruit sold, to help fund and promote future projects, and raise awareness within the community.
- Millen Farm also joined in when they had excess crops that were going to go to waste.

Objectives for the next 12–24 months

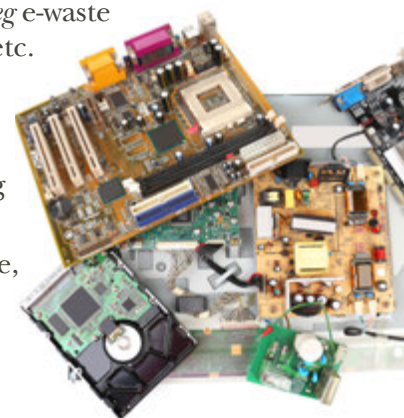
- Continue partnership with LuvaBerry
- Embark on other waste reducing projects outside of the food realm *eg* e-waste recycling, clothing swaps, etc.

Main challenges:

- Time constraints and responsibilities for working group members.

People involved: Ellena Stone, Amanda Schultz, Howard Nielsen, Leah Hudson.

Ellena Stone (Convenor)



4.3 Partnerships and working entities

Partners are groups, entities and community owned social enterprises that have established strong formative relationships with Samford Commons. The partnership model is a core part of the way Samford Commons operates and will be the lifeblood of our future as a sustainable enterprise.

During the past year the lack of available space has curtailed activity reliant on such built space, however some partners are managing to continue their activity in a 'without walls' mode.

Kids Community Collect

A strong participant in the STEAM Immersion Program, Wellbeing Trail and Makers Lane at Samford 100. KCC also initiated the War on Waste Project with a new collaborator Luvaberry Farm. KCC is about 'back to basics' play ideas and divert industrial and commercial discards from landfill for reuse projects centred around kids, community and learning. Partnering in workshops for parents with young children, making toys from recycled materials and assisting delivery of content for the School of Sustainability.



Moreton Bay Regional Industry and Tourism (MBRIT)

MBRIT is a vibrant regional organisation which is partnering with SCL to increase the opportunity for the Samford community and businesses to upskill, develop, and gain leverage from opportunities presented by a regional digital platform, and its associated activities. MBRIT worked with Samford Commons and other community organisations to sponsor and co-ordinate the Samford 100 events, including the Wellbeing Trail and Makers Lane. MBRIT is also the lead agency of Innovate Moreton Bay, of which Samford Commons is a Founding Partner.



Innovate Moreton Bay

Samford Commons is a Founding Partner of Innovate Moreton Bay which is funded by the State Government and MBRIT with significant in-kind contribution by SCL. Samford Commons has been recognised as an Innovation Hub and will be continuing its pioneering work on the STEAM Immersion Program with IMB and other partners.



Millen Farm

Millen Farm is a community owned social enterprise which is establishing a viable farm at Samford Commons as a model and training ground for urban agriculture. It has a vision to 'learn, grow, feast' and co-ordinates a popular Farmers Market on a weekly basis at Samford Commons. Millen Farm is a showpiece urban farm demonstrating and educating about food production. It provides food sales and community education programs.



STEM Punks

Provides programs developed to inspire kids and young adults to learn about Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in a fun and interactive environment. STEM Punks provided leadership and input into the STEAM Immersion Program and the Maker Festival.





Edgware

An innovative business training and coaching company for start-up and established business owners, sole traders, entrepreneurs and community organisations helped initiate the Long Table Dinners which were well populated until the use of the Glasshouse was disallowed. They continue to work with SCL to develop business collaboration and a community culture.



Mitchelton State High School

Mitchelton State High School is a leading Independent Public School on the north side of Brisbane, with an outstanding 100 year historical commitment to educating students. It was the Lead School in the successful STEAM Immersion Program and provided significant funds to enable the program to be initiated..



Moreton Bay Regional Council

The Moreton Bay Regional Council continues a working relationship pertaining particularly to the conduct of community development programs. The mutual needs of the Council and the Commons invite a special partnership which will create long lasting benefits for Samford, the region and beyond.



Participate Media Arts

Samford Commons sponsors Elizabeth Heck from Participate Media Arts as a State Digital Champion and a number of workshops and tutorials have been held to educate members of the community and business in the use of advanced technology. PMA also provided leadership with the successful STEAM Immersion Program which resulted in some creative videography.



Samford & Districts Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber actively supports and represents the business community of Samford and conducts regular meetings and events to engage with members and the business community generally. The Chamber maintains a strong interest in the business collaboration activities at SCL and the partnership has the potential to provide business and commerce learning programs to students visiting SCL and in particular to participate in programs for students from rural and remote communities who participate in the Samford Commons Sustainability Immersion Program.



Samford Support Network (SSN)

Samford Support Network has a mission to provide high quality community services for those with a disability or are incapacitated due to illness or injury. SSN provides volunteer transport to people in need and Samford Commons supports SSN through the use of storage space. Future activities may include partnering to provide programs for disadvantaged young people and to develop resilient families and communities.

Samford Tennis Club

Samford Tennis Club has a mission to provide high quality tennis coaching and general well-being programs for people across the full age spectrum. The club and coaching team Southern Cross Tennis provided a vibrant wellbeing activity as part of the inaugural Wellbeing Trail. Further activity may include micro-coaching services and tennis coaching services to students from rural and remote communities who participate in the Samford Commons Sustainability Immersion Program. Partnering in provision of teaching programs on tennis for schools and the community, negotiating use of accommodation facilities at SCL and participating in festivals and events.



Other partnerships and collaborations

Groups including the Samford Community Library, Samford Primary School, Substation 33, Creative Samford, University of Queensland, Griffith University, the Samford Steiner School and the Unqualified Design Studio continue to have active collaborations with Samford Commons.

A significant number of organisations sought to build partnerships or collaborations with Samford Commons over the past year. The development of building spaces is expected to enable existing and new partnerships to bloom in the future.

Right: A Wellbeing Trail visitor has a hit with Southern Cross Tennis at Samford.

Below: Lush green crops at Millen Farm.



5 Annual accounts

Balance sheet

As at 30 June 2018

	2018	2017
ASSETS	\$	\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
<i>Cash and Cash Equivalents</i>		
Main Business	2,583	31,264
<i>Total Cash and Cash Equivalents</i>	<i>2,583</i>	<i>31,264</i>
<i>Trade and Other Receivables</i>		
Accounts Receivable	2,675	24,960
<i>Total Trade and Other Receivables</i>	<i>2,675</i>	<i>24,960</i>
Total current assets	5,258	56,224
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
<i>Property, plant and equipment</i>		
Library at cost	-	93,925
Plant and equipment	8,200	8,200
<i>Total plant and equipment</i>	<i>8,200</i>	<i>102,125</i>
Total non-current assets	8,200	102,125
TOTAL ASSETS	13,458	158,349
NET ASSETS	13,458	158,349
EQUITY		
Retained earnings	13,458	158,349
TOTAL EQUITY	13,458	158,349

Income and expenditure statement

For the year ended 30 June 2018

	2018	2017
REVENUE	\$	\$
Donations Received	3,331	4,198
Fundraising Revenue	6,015	1,389
Grants	5,000	21,980
Lease Income	(2,165)	7,680
Membership Fees	460	550
Operational Income	18,987	6,010
Other Revenue	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE	31,627	41,807
EXPENSES		
Advertising & Promotion	6,311	1,055
Bank Fees	49	52
Consultancy Fees	15,000	5,958
Employment Support and Supervision Costs	-	269
Event Management	13,914	3,450
Hire of Venue & Equipment	-	1,160
Insurance	3,598	3,593
Lease Expenses	2,200	2,200
Legal expenses	-	-
Meeting Expenses	-	566
Postage, Printing & Stationery	86	422
Site Improvement & Repairs ¹	38,179	10,075
Subscriptions	345	531
Travel Expenses	-	210
Website & Hosting Expenses	4,861	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	82,593	29,541
CURRENT YEAR OPERATING SURPLUS/DEFICIT	(50,966)	12,266
OTHER ITEMS		
Extraordinary item ²	93,925	-
NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT	(144,891)	12,266

Notes

1. Revenue and Grant

Expenditure:

SCL recognises revenue on a cash basis. Revenue from the Community Gambling Fund was recognised in our 2016 financial accounts. Expenditure for this grant was required to be completed by 30 June 2018. The amount of expenditure using funds from this grant during the 2018 financial year was \$29,037.

2. Extraordinary item:

The SCL Library asset was originally recognised as donation revenue. During the 2018 financial year, the library established itself as an incorporated entity. As such, SCL has 'disposed' of the library asset. This is not a cash transaction.

6 Acknowledgements

There is a strong partnership formed at a community level as people and organisations realise the potential of Samford Commons and the power of collective action for shared benefits. Sporting clubs, service organisations and community groups are enthusiastic about their involvement, as evidenced by their contributions to the STEAM Immersion Program and Wellbeing Trail.

The work of Cr Darren Grimwade and the Mayor and staff of Morton Bay Regional Council is acknowledged, as is the commitment and support of local Member of Parliament Nikki Boyd.

Samford Commons has been assisted with various aspects of its development by Regional Development Australia Moreton Bay, State government departments including Advance Queensland, Education, Science, Industry, Technology and State Development, all of which have a continuing interest in our progress.

Innovate Moreton Bay and lead agency Moreton Bay Industry and Tourism have been particularly strong supporters of Samford Commons.

We also acknowledge

- The over 2000 community members who have befriended Samford Commons or who have given their general support to the concept of Samford Commons.
- The Foundation Members of Samford Commons have given unstinting support and are highly valued.
- The members of Working Groups who have helped in so many practical ways to establish Samford Commons as “a place to grow” and as a model for sustainable living, working and playing.

Board of Samford Commons Ltd.

30 June 2018

Thanks go to the organisations listed below who engaged actively with Samford Commons events or who sponsored events and activities in 2017-18.

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| • Caboodle Web | • Kids Community Collect | • Regional Development | • Samford Tennis Club and |
| • Colorcorp | • Long Yard Larder Café | Australia – Moreton Bay | Southern Cross Tennis |
| • Credos Associates | • Luvaberry Farm | • Samford Aquatic and Fitness | • Samford Valley Steiner School |
| • Drakes Supermarkets | • Marist 180 | • Samford Bendigo Community | • Samford Village Healthy |
| • Eden Bushfoods | • Millen Farm | Bank | Minds |
| • Edgware | • Mitchelton State High School | • Samford Bonsai Garden | • Samford Village Pump and |
| • Engineers Without Borders | • Moreton Bay Regional | • Samford Chamber of | Progress Association |
| • Extreme Marquees | Industry and Tourism | Commerce | • Snap Fitness |
| • Ferny Hills Guides | • Moreton Bay Regional Council | • Samford Community Library | • St Pauls Anglican Church |
| • Flour Seasons Organics | • Moreton News | • Samford Design and Copy | • STEM Punks |
| • Flametree Financial | • Myer Queensland | Centre | • Sun and Stars Bushcraft |
| • Grace Lutheran College | • Noosa and District State High | • Samford Eco Corridor | • Translational Research |
| Rothwell | School | • Samford Farmers Hall | Institute |
| • Green Edge Catalysts | • Participate Media Arts | • Samford Lions | • Terry White Chemmart |
| • Griffith University | • Pilates Lifestyle and Wellbeing | • Samford Museum | Pharmacy |
| • Karen Hannay Ceramics | • Performance Place | • Samford Primary School | • The Flying Nun |
| • Hillbrook Anglican School | • Queensland University of | • Samford Rotary Club | • The Leisa Tree |
| • Hills Chamber of Commerce | Technology – STEM Centre | • Samford RSL | • The Powerful Owl Café |
| • Impact Hearing | • Quest Newspapers | • Samford Stags Rugby League | • University of Queensland |
| • Innovate Moreton Bay | • Reformer Pilates | • Samford Support Network | • Unqualified Design Studio |

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