

LOVING THE LIFESTYLE

(Recreation and Consumption)

1980s - HOW IT WAS

A big night out meant going to the drive in theatre at Loganlea or going out to dinner at the Woodridge Tavern. Social activities for youth consisted of catching the train to Brisbane to go to the Movies or going to the Water Park located at the Hyperdome Site. A Lion Park was located close by at Beenleigh. Watching TV and hiring out Videos was the way many people experienced music, literature and the arts.

Our recreation was dominated by team sports and activities. Popular summer sports were: swimming, tennis, cricket, and athletics. Winter sports were: rugby. Some children attended holiday camps for their recreational activities.



See over...

2006 - HOW IT IS

As our lifestyles have changed and become more complex and time constrained, so too has the way we use our leisure time. Active participation in organised sports has declined but we tend to eat out, go to the cinema, watch sport, cycle and jog more.



At the same time, the distinction between leisure and activities such as work, shopping and education has blurred. For example, many major shopping centres have been redeveloped to accommodate leisure activities.

Cinemas are popular again and bars and clubs are where young people meet their friends. Live music is performed in venues around Logan City and we have an art gallery showcasing local artists, and an Entertainment Centre that boasts Interstate and International festival activities. Poker machines are a fixture in clubs, bars and pubs.

The most popular physical activity for Queenslanders is walking followed by gardening. Individual sports that test competitors' endurance are also becoming popular, as are recreational activities that offer a challenge, such as extreme sports. Many play team sports of cricket, rugby and netball.

2026 - HOW WILL IT BE

What choices will we have for recreational activities?

Will organised team sports still be popular?

Will more people take up individual sports as people try to fit recreational activities in with their family and work commitments?

Will that make activities that offer personal challenges, especially extreme sports more popular?

What impact will an aging population have on the choice and popularity of recreational activities?

Will swimming, walking and tai chi be the preferred forms of exercise for active seniors?

What entertainment choices will be available in our homes, with interactive television and live Internet links?

How will home technology affect attendances & viability of live theatre/music productions?

Will we still have free festivals?

Will they be attended by residents or by tourists?

