

Sleeman Centre (Brisbane)

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The Sleeman Centre (also known as the **Sleeman Sports Complex**) is a sporting and entertainment facility located in [Brisbane](#), [Australia](#). Construction of the centre was completed in 1982, with several upgrades and improvements having been carried out since that date. Located in the suburb of [Chandler](#), the centre is 15km south of Brisbane's CBD and is home to an aquatic centre, [velodrome](#), sports arena, gymnastics training hall, [gymnasium](#) and [auditorium](#). The centre currently offers a range of services to the public, including indoor and outdoor community activities such as swimming, diving, health and fitness classes, a gymnasium, childcare facilities, and a children's pool and water slide.

History

The Sleeman Sports Centre is one of Queensland's premier sporting facilities, located in Brisbane, Australia. Purpose-built for the [1982 Commonwealth Games](#), the centre has also been host to a number of other sporting events including the 1994 [World Masters Games](#) and the 2001 [Goodwill Games swimming](#), [diving](#) and [cycling](#) events. The centre was originally constructed to host the Commonwealth Games, but has been used for a number of purposes since its completion including private functions, public entertainment events (both in sport and the arts), accommodation, retail, venue hire, and a variety of others. Notable upgrades in recent times have included a gymnasium, a children's pool and play area and a large enclosed water slide. In addition to this, each venue has received various make-overs throughout the life of the centre. ^{[*[citation needed](#)*]}

Both the suburb of Chandler and the Sleeman centre itself are named after [Brisbane Lord Mayors](#) Sir [John Beals Chandler](#) and [Frank Sleeman](#).

Facilities

Aquatic centre

The Chandler Aquatic Centre consists of three main [swimming pools](#), a 50 metre Olympic pool (2m depth), a 25m diving pool (25m depth), and a 25m lap pool (1m depth). The aquatic centre has a [seating capacity](#) of 4,300 and has diving facilities, and a moveable bulkhead on the Olympic pool for short course events and a water fun park.

The aquatic centre also contains a children's facility which encompasses the 25m lap pool, a large enclosed water slide and a children's pool. All facilities are open to the public, while the main aquatic centre is the venue for many sporting events and may be hired by schools and other organisations. ^{[*[citation needed](#)*]}

Following is a summary of the Aquatic Centre's notable features

- 50 metre, 10 lane Olympic pool
- Diving pool with 10 metre, 7 metre, 5 metre, 3 metre, 1 metre and 0.5 metre diving boards and platforms
- 25 metre pool
- Omega electronics with Ares 21 timing gear system

- Daktronics Pro star Video Display Board
- Grandstand seating for 4350 people plus corporate boxes
- Meeting or seminar rooms
- Gymnasium/aerobics
- Childcare
- Café with indoor and outdoor seating
- Giant water slide
- Learn to swim school
- Chandler swim shop
- Sports Medicine Services
- Queensland Swimming
- Australian Institute of Sport
- Diving Australia
- Queensland Diving

Chandler Arena

The indoor arena is a venue for indoor sports such as [Netball](#), [Badminton](#), [Indoor Soccer](#) and [Volleyball](#). The arena has over 1850 square metres of floor space, and a fixed [seating capacity](#) of 1700 and an overall capacity of 2,700. Other facilities include a PA and light control system, lounge and bar, VIP viewing rooms and an adjoining 100-seat function room.

Chandler velodrome

The Chandler velodrome is of an outdoor configuration, having a [grandstand](#) seating capacity of 3,000. The venue is suitable for cycling events, rock concerts, rallies, motocross and speedway championships. Apart from an Olympic standard cycling track, the venue also has a private lounge and function area, omega timing equipment and scoreboard, catering facilities, and lighting for night functions and events.

Chandler theatre

The Chandler Theatre is one of the largest in [South East Queensland](#), with a 200 square metre stage, and a seating capacity of 1,500. Each seat has an unobstructed stage view due to the tiered floor plan. Other facilities include large back-stage areas, computerised stage lighting, meeting rooms, state-of-the-art sound system, box office, refreshment bar and a corporate viewing area and boardroom. The venue is used for such events as graduations, conventions, awards ceremonies, product launches, seminars and concerts.

[State weightlifting centre

All venues are within walking distance of the car parks which contain a total 2,020 parking spaces (2,000 regular and 20 disabled). The car-parks also contain lighting for night time use.

Services

- Poolside Café
- Catering (located onsite for in-house events and functions)
- Retail (Chandler swim-shop)
- Childcare (Puddle Ducks Adjunct Child Care)
- Sports Medicine (physiotherapy, radiology, massage, rehabilitation exercise programs)
- Chandler Markets (every Sunday, 7am-1pm. Over 300 stalls, live jazz bands, [barbecue](#))

- Public Transport Park'n'Ride Facility (to be connected to the proposed [Eastern Busway](#))

Tenants and clubs

Aquatic

- Aquatic Achievers Swim School
- Australian Diving
- Chandler Swim Shop
- Queensland Diving Association
- Queensland Swimming
- Aquatic Education
- Aqualina Synchronized Swimming
- Aussie Masters Swimming
- Brisbane Springboard Diving
- Chandler Swim Club
- Donnet Diving
- Oceanas Synchronized Swimming Club
- Queensland Underwater Hockey
- R.A.P.S. Diving - Redlands Amateur Platform & Springboard Diving Club
- CHANDLER Diving Club

Other Sport

- [LS Arena](#) LAN party
- Australian Institute of Sport
- BMX Queensland
- Cycling Queensland Inc
- Gymnastics Queensland
- Peter De Been Jiu Jitsu
- Queensland Badminton
- Queensland Weightlifting
- Tumble Weeds Gymnastics
- Brisbane Southern Districts Junior Soccer Association Inc.
- Bayside Indoor Soccer
- Queensland Firebirds
- Chandler Badminton
- Cougars Weightlifting
- Wynnum Redlands Cycling
- Kangaroo Point Cycling
- Broncos Cycling

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The [Sleeman Sports Complex](#), of which the Chandler Arena is a part, was purpose built for the [1982 Commonwealth Games](#). Since then the centre has hosted a range of sporting events including the 1994 World Masters Games and the 2001 Goodwill Games swimming, diving and cycling events.

The Sleeman Complex, including the Chandler Arena and the [Chandler Aquatic Centre](#) were named after the past Brisbane Lord Mayors, Sir John Chandler and Frank Sleeman.

Chandler arena was also the one time home of the now defunct [Brisbane Bullets](#) of the [NBL](#) between 1979 and 1986 before the team moved into the new 13,500 seat [Brisbane Entertainment Centre](#) early in the 1986 NBL season. The Bullets won their first NBL Championship at Chandler Arena defeating the [Adelaide 36ers](#) 121-95 on September 7, 1985 in the last ever NBL Grand Final to be played as a single game. This turned out to be the only one of the Bullets three NBL championships that was won in Brisbane and the only one won at the Chandler Arena.

Chandler Arena was also the home of the [Queensland Firebirds](#) in the [Commonwealth Bank Trophy](#) netball series between 1997 and 2008 before the series became the [ANZ Championship](#) and the team moved to the larger [Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre](#).