



Media Release

New Nhill Skate Park receives funding

Hindmarsh Shire Council has received advice from the Hon John Eren, MP Minister for Sport that funding for the construction of a new skate park in Nhill has been approved.

Funding of \$100,000 has been provided through the Victorian Government's 2018 – 2019 Community Sports Infrastructure Fund for this project.

Hindmarsh Shire Council and the local Nhill community will contribute the balance of funds for the project.

Hindmarsh Shire Council Mayor, Cr Ron Ismay said "This is a great outcome for the community of Nhill. Council received funding from the same Sport and Recreation Victoria grant program to construct new skate parks in Dimboola and Rainbow and to now receive advice that funding has been made available for Nhill is fantastic news".

Cr Ismay added, "The announcement of this funding is proof of the importance in strategic planning as all three of these skate parks were identified and supported at community planning meetings during the development of the Hindmarsh Shire Sport and Recreation Strategy, Nhill Community Precinct Plan and similar planning documents for Dimboola and Rainbow"

"The new skate park will be constructed from concrete and will be designed in such a way that they will encourage and challenge new and experienced skaters alike. The design for the Nhill skate park is different to the Dimboola and Rainbow skate parks as this will provide three unique challenges for participants across the Shire" said Cr Ismay.

"Careful consideration and assessments have been undertaken to determine the best possible location of the Nhill skate park and after consultation with the community and in particular the youth of Nhill it will be constructed at Jaypex Park.

Other identified locations were assessed with the Jaypex Park location being the preferred site”.

Cr Ismay added “This location will provide easy pedestrian access from Victoria Street and public toilets and the sound shell, playgrounds and picnic facilities are located nearby. As Jaypex Park is a very popular location for both Nhill residents and visitors travelling through Nhill, the inclusion of a new modern designed skate park will enhance this reputation and provide another activity.

Cr Ismay said “Because of the location beside Victoria Street, security fencing will be installed alongside the skate park and while a concept design has been established as part of the funding application, further opportunities to have input into the final design will be available”.

Funding will be not available until the 2018 / 2019 financial year and it is expected that the final design and awarding of contracts will be carried out mid to late 2018 with construction to be undertaken as soon as possible after that.

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