



Media Release Nhill Skate Park Consultation

The community consultation for the new Nhill Skate Park on 4 April 2018, at the Nhill Memorial Community Centre was well attended by parents, teenagers and other interested residents. Cr Rob Gersch and Cr David Colbert were also present to hear firsthand the Nhill community's feedback.

Cr Gersch welcomed everyone in attendance and provided a brief overview of the history of the project stating that Council first identified the need for new skate parks in Dimboola, Rainbow and Nhill approximately four years ago. Cr Gersch also stated that because of the time lapse involved in seeking funding through grants, these types of projects typically take a number of years to come to fruition.

Cr Gersch introduced, Phil King, Manager Economic and Community Development who provided a presentation of the history of the Nhill Skate Park project which included;

-) Outcomes from previous community consultations held in 2017
-) Potential locations for the new skate park
-) Evaluation report on each potential location
-) Reasons why the preferred site at Jaypex Park was selected
-) Processes undertaken prior to the preparation of the conceptual designs
-) Processes involved for funding applications
-) Process going forward now that funding from the Victorian Government has been secured
-) Council budget processes for balance of funds required, and
-) Future processes to take the project from conceptual to reality

It was a very positive meeting with members of the audience making relevant comments and asking appropriate questions. There will be additional community consultations in the future that will include further development of the concept design before the more detailed designs are prepared. Other issues that were raised at the meeting, including security fencing, safety concern, accessibility and landscaping will be taken into consideration with future planning and design work.

Future community consultations will be advertised when further details are known.

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