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BURNIE SKATE PARK

The design plan for the new Burnie Skate Park, to be located at West Park Oval, is now on public display for two weeks.

The plan developed by recreation, tourism and environmental planners and landscape architects 'Inspiring Place' and 'dBrand' Skate Park designers has been completed following consultation with skaters and users of West Park Oval.

In releasing the plan for public consultation Mayor Alwyn Boyd said, "The resulting plan has been developed to fit with the West Park Oval layout and topography and will add to rather than detract from the activities of existing and potential new users."

The proposed new Skate Park, to be located at the western entrance to West Park Oval, incorporates approximately 100 skating elements ranging from beginner to advanced skill level.

The 890 square metre concrete Skate Park has been constructed to be multi-purpose with heights ranging from 150 mm to 2400 mm and with the potential for expansion in the future.

Concrete was selected as the surface to be utilised as it minimises noise to surrounding areas, encourages smooth transitions between elements and enables long-term usage.

The Skate Park Plan contains provision for landscaping that includes viewing areas, seating, paths and mounding as well as public artwork on the side of the concrete structures. "These facilities will add to the existing amenities of West Park and encourage more people to use this excellent facility," said Mayor Alwyn Boyd

To facilitate the building of the Skate Park, the main fence at the Western entrance will be removed and new fences will be erected in between the Skate Park and West Park Oval.

The main gate will also be repositioned at the Eastern end of the Western entrance road, opposite the Caretaker's residence and the current western entrance ticket booth will be dismantled and moved next to the new Western gate.

Building an exciting new and contemporary Skate Park at West Park Oval will facilitate the relocation of the skateboarding, rollerskating, in-line skating and BMX fraternities to the complex as well as providing a versatile space for youth events.

The Skate Park Plan allows for daytime usage only as lighting is not included as part of stage one of the development.

Two (2) public consultation processes are now currently underway. Plans for the Skate Park will be on display in the City Offices foyer for the community to view as part of the development application with additional feedback forms and plans to be located at Red Herring in Wilson Street and TasMusic Burnie at Portside for Skate Park users to provide feedback on the various skating elements.

Mayor Alwyn Boyd said the Council hoped to have the new skate park opened in December 2006 for the summer season.

Feedback on the plan closes on 12 July 2006.

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