

**Media Release**

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**Howlong Skate Park project commences**

Howlong's youngest residents are soon to benefit from the addition of their very own - Howlong Skate Park.

The Stronger Communities Fund will enable the addition of a \$201,900 Skate park to the Lowe Square Playground upgrade to create a recreational space that will cater for families, children and youth of Howlong.

The Howlong Youth Park Committee have worked together with the community for a skate park and have raised \$15,000 toward the project. They have also gained financial support from the Howlong Lions Club (and Lions Australia) who generously committed \$25,000 along with \$5,000 from the Howlong Op Shop.

A design concept has been prepared by award winning skate park designers, Convic who are leaders in youth space and skate park design.

The proposed 'street terrain' style skate park has a number of features, including 900H (3ft) Quarter with Doorway, 300H (1ft) Kicker to Kicker, 400H Round Flat Bar, 350H Ledge, 1200H (4ft) Bank with 750H Jersey Barrier Extension, Banked Hip, 1200H (4ft) Mini Ramp and a 1500H (5ft) Quarter Pipe.

Howlong's residents were provided with the opportunity to provide their feedback on the draft concept designs for the new skate park at Lowe Square. Council staff met with local school students, held pop up consultation stands, distributed surveys through sporting groups and developed an online survey to capture feedback. 53 surveys were completed in total and provided a range of constructive feedback that has been considered in the final design.

Mayor Pat Bourke said Council was looking forward to delivering the Howlong Skate Park project and hoped that Howlong's youngest residents would enjoy the new space for many years to come.

"The Howlong Skate Park project is one of the many new infrastructure installations or upgrades to occur as part of Council's Play Space Upgrade Program," Mayor Bourke said.

"Federation Council is placing a strong focus on improving the liveability of our area, as we work to meet the needs of our residents, support youth and attract young families. The new skate site has been fenced off to the public, topsoil has been removed, and surveyors will be working next week on setting out the site. Compaction and shaping of the earth fill will also be occurring next week, weather permitting and following that the construction crew will arrive to commence construction work."

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