



Media Release

Female change rooms and junior oval redevelopment at Dimboola

Hindmarsh Shire Council has received advice from the Hon John Eren, MP Minister for Sport that funding for the construction of new skate parks in Dimboola and Rainbow has been approved.

Funding of \$200,000 has been provided through the Victorian Government's 2017 – 2018 Community Sports Infrastructure Fund for both of these projects. Hindmarsh Shire Council and the local communities of Dimboola and Rainbow will contribute the balance of funds for the combined \$427,000 project.

Hindmarsh Shire Council Mayor, Cr Debra Nelson said "This is a great outcome for both Dimboola and Rainbow. Council unsuccessfully applied for funding in 2015 and following broad support of both projects at community planning meetings during the development of the Hindmarsh Shire Sport and Recreation Strategy, Dimboola Community Precinct Plan and Rainbow Community Plan, new applications were submitted in mid-2016".

Cr Nelson added "The new skate parks will be constructed from concrete and will be designed in such a way that they will encourage and challenge new and experienced skaters alike".

Cr Nelson said, "Careful consideration and assessments have been undertaken to determine the best possible location of the skate park facilities. As it is preferred for skate parks to be in highly visible locations, the Dimboola skate park will be located within the Recreation Reserve adjacent to the Sports Stadium and Riverside Holiday Park while the Rainbow skate park will be located within the grounds of the former Rainbow Primary School".

She added "As the Dimboola Recreation Reserve is considered one of the best in the region, the inclusion of a new modern designed skate park will enhance this reputation and provide another activity for people holidaying at the Riverside Holiday Park or visiting the Reserve for other sporting and recreation pursuits. The location will provide easy pedestrian access from Lloyd Street or Wimmera Street and public toilets are located nearby."

Cr Nelson said "The Rainbow skate park will provide an interactive link to a community space that will be known as 'The Oasis' within the former Primary School site that will become a hub for the Rainbow community. The designer of the skate park met with interested students at Rainbow College who indicated their preferred location as the former Primary School site between the Rainbow College and Federal Street. Council considered and supported this site as the preferred location".

Funding will be not available until the 2017 / 2018 financial year and it is expected that the final design and awarding of contracts will be carried out in mid to late 2017 with construction to be finished by mid-2018.

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