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INTRODUCTION

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The Macedon Ranges Shire Council are proposing a new district level skate facility within Kyneton. The proposed skatepark is set to revitalise youth recreation in the area with a new facility that will attract end users that currently have limited contemporary alternative recreational infrastructure available.

The project is currently moving through the concept design phase. Within this stage community engagement has occurred at the pre design and draft concept design phase. This process allows community to have input into the design development and decision making process.

This report summarises the community engagement undertaken for the draft concept design. Feedback gathered during the consultation process will inform the refinement and development of the final concept design. The workshop attracted a diverse range of participants with a strong interest in the project, including students, local skatepark users, and key community stakeholders.

The Kyneton Skatepark project will be delivered with contributions from external funding grants. Based on community objectives and previously undertaken skate strategy work, the project will most likely need to be delivered in stages.

Convic is committed to working closely with the community to listen to their priorities and co-design a space that fosters a genuine sense of connection. Convic understands the importance of these spaces and their impact on communities, and will ensure the final design meets the community's expectations and aspirations.



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

DRAFT CONCEPT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The consultation process is an integral component of the development of youth spaces and community recreation facilities. In order to ensure the success and longevity of these key community assets it is crucial to engage with the current and future users of the space.

The draft concept consultation process took place on the 5th of May and comprised of the following in person workshops:

- Two School workshops at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Primary School & Kyneton Primary School.
- One community workshop open to all members of the local community held at Kyneton Mechanics Institute.

Each of the workshops invites participants to become involved through the design process and provide feedback on their individual needs and requirements.

An online survey was also made available for those who could not attend any of the in person workshops. This was facilitated through Council's website and open between the 6th May - 24th May.

This engagement phase represents the second stage of the project's engagement plan. The purpose of this round of consultation is to gather community feedback on the proposed design, understand community sentiment toward the draft concept, and identify potential changes that will help inform the final concept design.

THE CONSULTATION WORKSHOP AIMED TO:

- Engage with end users and key stakeholders during the design process for the new facility;
- Highlight other recreational spaces in the area to identify gaps within active recreation;
- Present the draft concept design including opportunities, constraints, theming and design rationale;
- Gather community feedback on the proposed design and find out what changes people would like to see;
- Have community and users take ownership of the consultation process and outcomes;
- Allow the community to be involved in the decision making process.



Draft Concept Consultation Flyer created to advertise community consultation events.

PROMOTIONAL SCOPE

The consultation aims to increase the community awareness of the proposed Kyneton Skatepark development and to do so in an open, public and transparent process. Promotional tools to encourage involvement and comments included physical and online advertising targeting skatepark users, local schools, youth groups and local residents.

DATA HANDLING AND ANALYSIS

The data handling and analysis has been carried out by CONVIC. The workshops were designed to increase inclusiveness and generate data for analysis into themes and direct design responses. All participants were initially informed of workshop objectives and how the information provided will then be used.

All responses are treated in confidence, to ensure the anonymity of respondents. In line with our privacy policy, no identifying information is included with any responses for this report.

REPRESENTATION

The views collected in this report are not statistically validated, however they represent the views of user groups and community members. Themes presented in this report are derived from workshop contributions.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN

METHODOLOGY

Workshop sessions will build a sense of community and are a useful tool to seek the opinions of a community group, allowing many differing contributions. Unlike a survey, they enable the discussion of complex issues and any possible underlying concerns.

The workshops were semi-structured to allow the process to unfold freely and invite users to make commitments, suggestions and comments towards a common and collective design vision. The workshops were structured as follows:

PRESENTATION (INFORM AND INSPIRE)

- Present the project parameters, including project brief and project overview. This informs end users and stakeholders of Council's objectives, opportunities and constraints.
- Provide a summary of previous feedback from the community within the pre design phase including active recreation preferences, skate typologies, additional inclusions and community ideas on forming connections to place.
- Present the Draft Concept design including of design rationale, theming, skate obstacle details, facility inclusions and 3D visuals of the proposed facility.

QUESTIONNAIRE (DEVELOPING USER PROFILES)

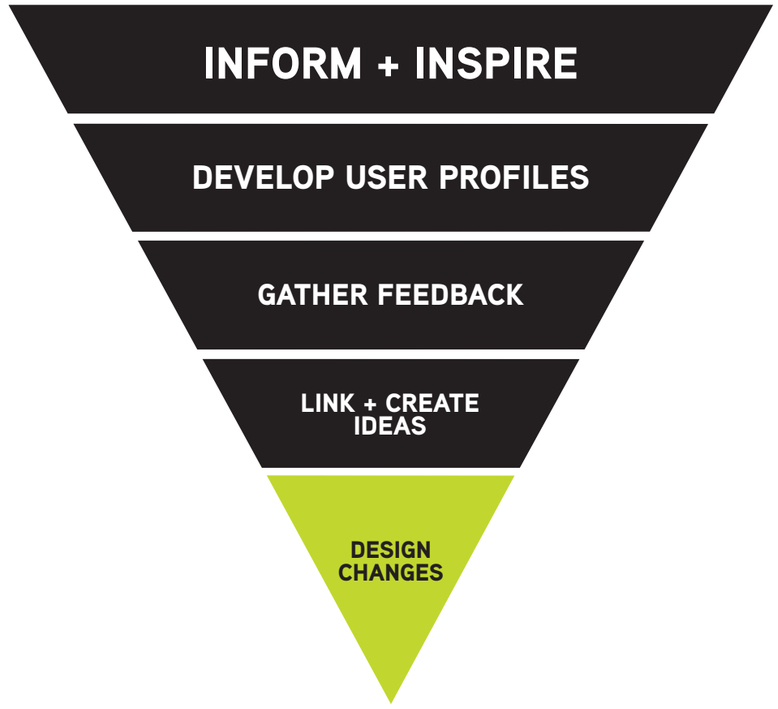
- Develop an understanding of the participants demographic.
- Understand how the community feels about the proposed draft concept design and gather feedback about possible improvements and changes.
- Collate feedback analysis into representative outcomes.

DESIGN WORKSHOP (LINK AND CREATE IDEAS)

- Discuss the draft concept design in small groups and gather ideas for improvements and changes to the proposed design.
- Work together as a group to sketch ideas on the proposed facility plans and share feedback to help shape the proposed space.
- Workshop participation and presenting the results to an open forum and wider group discussion.

Utilising this workshop method ensures the evolution of a highly resolved and informed design outcome that is unique to the community. The consultation process encourages the local community to take an active role upon completion of the built outcome to become guardians of the space and most importantly activate the facility.

The following pages summarise the feedback and key themes gathered through this consultation methodology.



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CONSULTATION WORKSHOP QUESTIONNAIRE

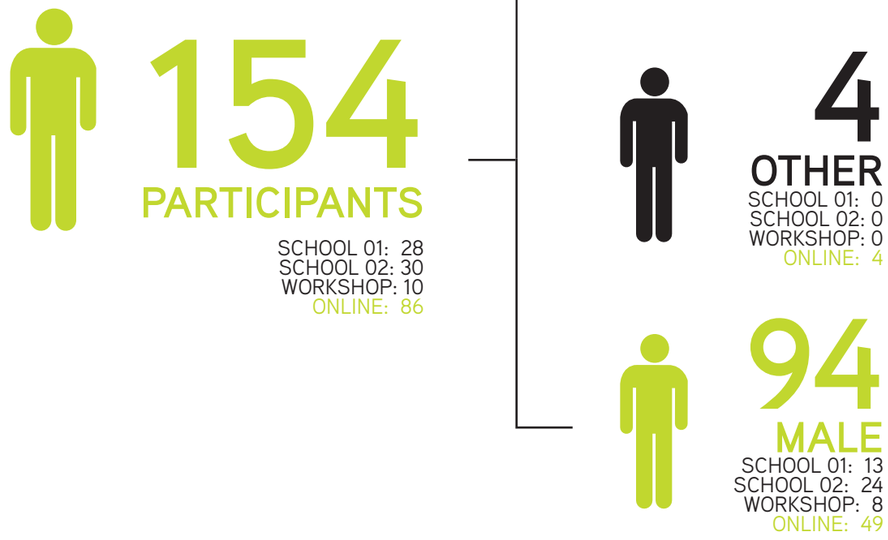
QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEY RESULTS

The following pages summarise the key results derived from the questionnaire undertaken by community members as part of the draft concept workshops and online survey.

The questionnaire saw a total of **154 RESPONSES**. The following info graphics represent the information collected through the consultation sessions.

The majority of participants were young people aged 9–15, largely due to engagement undertaken through the local schools. This age group represents the primary users who are expected to utilise the facility on a regular basis. The second-largest group consisted of participants aged 34–50, reflecting the involvement of key stakeholders with long-standing connections to the Kyneton community. This group includes both potential long-term skatepark users and parents of current and future users.

The majority of respondents were active users, specifically scooter, skateboard, and BMX riders. This feedback reinforces the findings from the pre-design consultation, which highlighted the need for the park design to accommodate a diverse range of user groups and meet the varying needs of active recreation participants. The second-largest group of respondents comprised local residents and parents or guardians, reflecting strong community interest in the park's design and functionality.



*Not every participant answered all questions.

CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

DO YOU LIKE THE OVERALL DRAFT CONCEPT DESIGN? IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WOULD CHANGE / WHAT'S MISSING?

The overall concept received strong support from respondents, with many welcoming the investment in a modern and inclusive skatepark. The most common suggestions focused on changing and adding more colours, providing additional shade, seating, public amenities and supporting infrastructure. Respondents also expressed a desire for more local character, unique design elements and a stronger balance between street and transition skating features.

The main changes the community would like to see to the skate obstacles relate to the street area and skill progression opportunities. Community members expressed a desire for the skatepark to be less focused on flow elements and to include more street-style obstacles. In addition, the community would like to see more features that support skill progression throughout the facility, ranging from beginner-friendly flat areas to larger ramps and more advanced drop-ins.

	School Workshop 01	School Workshop 02	Mechanics Institute Workshop	Online Consultation	Total
Yes I like it / change nothing	5	10	7	26	48
More shade / undercover seating / maximise afternoon shade opportunities	2	3	1	12	18
Add more colours / more art / too clean appearance / more vibrant and iconic	11		1	4	16
Add more seating / viewing areas		2		6	8
Bigger ramps / drop ins	2	2		1	5
More trees / planting flowers	1	2		2	5
Add water fountain	1	1		3	5
Clean toilets / include toilets	1			4	5
Not enough street skating / too transition based collision issues				5	5
Add graffiti wall		4			4
Change basketball colours to red / pink / orange	4				4
Disappointment for not engaging local designers				4	4
Add more flat area for practice and beginners				4	4
Add lights	1	1	1		3
A bigger pump track		3			3
Add bike racks	1	2			3
More bins				3	3
Shop for food and equipment rental / kiosk	1	1			2
Less trees	2				2
Add BBQ	2				2
More sculptures	2				2
More ramps / more flow		1		1	2
Consider passive surveillance				2	2
Bigger / better pump track				2	2
Include standalone mini ramp				2	2
Include lighting				2	2
Add bike racks				2	2
Add slappy kerb				2	2
Better interface with carpark				2	2
Main access from Beauchamp St. not carpark				2	2
Allow for all skill levels				2	2

*The table includes only responses that were mentioned at least twice.

Please refer to the Excel appendix for the complete list of responses.

CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

DO YOU LIKE THE BOWL AREA? IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WOULD CHANGE / WHAT'S MISSING? WHAT WOULD BE ONE UNIQUE OBSTACLE YOU WOULD INCLUDE INSTEAD?

The bowl was one of the most positively received elements of the concept design. While respondents generally supported the proposed layout, many suggested some design changes. Many suggested increasing the depth, adding more advanced features such as extensions and hips and adding more colours. Some respondents also felt the bowl could incorporate more unique design elements to distinguish it from other regional facilities. Many other comments questioned the need for the rock obstacle, with several suggesting its removal due to concerns that it could pose a potential safety hazard.

	School Workshop 01	School Workshop 02	Mechanics Institute Workshop	Online Consultation	Total
Yes I like it / change nothing	12	16	6	28	62
Why is there a rock? / hazard / remove	9	1	1	3	14
Bowl should be deeper / more advanced	1	3		10	14
Add art work / colours	8	3			11
Make deep end square / make shape more unique		1		5	6
Add roll in / easier way to get in and out / section with no coping, easy drop in	2	2		1	5
Don't like it	1			3	4
Add volcano in the bowl	3				3
Little / no yellow colour	2			1	3
Add a mini bowl	1	1			2
Include drainage	1			1	2
Needs to be built and designed by locals				2	2

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CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

DO YOU LIKE THE STREET AREA? IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WOULD CHANGE / WHAT'S MISSING? WHAT WOULD BE ONE UNIQUE OBSTACLE YOU WOULD INCLUDE INSTEAD?

The beginner street area was widely supported as an important space for younger and less experienced users. Several respondents suggested the area could be larger, include additional progression-focused obstacles and include more colours. Concerns were also raised about potential interactions between beginner and advanced riders, highlighting the need for clear separation and supervision opportunities.

	School Workshop 01	School Workshop 02	Mechanics Institute Workshop	Online Consultation	Total
Yes I like it / change nothing	12	14	3	29	58
Add art work / colours	10	4		1	15
Add stairs and rail / gap	1		5	1	7
Area is too small / more space / more obstacles / skill progression		1		6	7
I don't like it	1			5	6
Area is too flowy for beginners / more separation				5	5
Add half pipe /mini ramp		3		1	4
Adequate seating for parents / more seats		1		3	4
Include beginner manual pad				3	3
More flat space / more length				3	3
Too similar to Romsey				3	3
Add flat bar / more rails		1		2	3
Add mogul		2			2
Add low ramps for beginners / more ramps size variety	1	1			2
More sculptures	2				2
Lower rails	2				2
Add climbing wall	2				2
Add graffiti wall	2				2
No yellow	1			1	2
Include S worm kerb				2	2

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CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

DO YOU LIKE THE FLOW AREA? IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WOULD CHANGE / WHAT'S MISSING? WHAT WOULD BE ONE UNIQUE OBSTACLE YOU WOULD INCLUDE INSTEAD?

Feedback on the flow area was generally positive, although a number of respondents identified potential congestion and collision risks. Suggestions focused on improving circulation between features, ensuring the space functions effectively during busy periods and more colours or the inclusion of art. Some respondents also requested more creative and distinctive features within this section.

	School Workshop 01	School Workshop 02	Mechanics Institute Workshop	Online Consultation	Total
Yes I like it / change nothing	18	15	5	32	70
More colours / art	6	2		2	10
Too much flow / too busy				7	7
Add water fountain	1	2			3
Add snake run		3			3
Add bigger ramps		1		1	2
Make bigger / add more obstacles		1		1	2
No yellow	1			1	2
Neutral				2	2
More flow				2	2
Create a more creative design				2	2
Don't like it				2	2
Remove / Use this area as extension of street area				2	2

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CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

DO YOU LIKE THE MINI RAMP AREA? IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WOULD CHANGE / WHAT'S MISSING? WHAT WOULD BE ONE UNIQUE OBSTACLE YOU WOULD INCLUDE INSTEAD?

The mini ramp was viewed positively and recognised as an important progression feature. The most common concern related to the proposed spine, with several respondents recommending its removal or redesign. Overall, feedback supported retaining the mini ramp while refining the layout to improve usability and include more colours.

	School Workshop 01	School Workshop 02	Mechanics Institute Workshop	Online Consultation	Total
Yes I like it / change nothing	13	18	4	28	63
Add more colour / art	6	2		1	9
Remove spine				4	4
I don't like it				4	4
Add jump box	3				3
Add bigger ramps	1			2	3
Make mini ramp longer				3	3
Add more ramps		2			2
Add smaller ramps	1	1			2
Remove rock		1		1	2
Change colours	2				2
Separate mini ramp				2	2
Add more shaded seating				2	2
Remove plants				2	2
Neutral				2	2

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CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

DO YOU LIKE THE PUMP TRACK AREA? IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WOULD CHANGE?

Respondents appreciated its appeal to a broad range of users but commonly suggested increasing its size and level of challenge. Requests for additional jumps, alternate lines and a more advanced layout were recurring themes throughout the feedback.

	School Workshop 01	School Workshop 02	Mechanics Institute Workshop	Online Consultation	Total
Yes I like it / change nothing			3	24	27
Add another section / make it bigger				17	17
Too basic, needs more variating obstacles			1	7	8
Add more seating / area for parents				3	3
Neutral				3	3
More Shade			1	1	2
Add a big ramp / rollers			1	1	2
Make it more challenging / skill progression				2	2
Add connections to platforms / better connected to precinct				2	2
Don't make it out of asphalt				2	2
I don't like it				2	2

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CONSULTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

DO YOU LIKE THE BASKETBALL HALF COURT AREA? IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WOULD CHANGE?

The half court was generally supported as a valuable addition that broadens the recreational opportunities available within the precinct. Common suggestions included providing additional shade, seating and spectator areas. Some respondents also highlighted opportunities for multi-purpose use, including informal recreation and activities such as pickleball.

	School Workshop 01	School Workshop 02	Mechanics Institute Workshop	Online Consultation	Total
Yes I like it / change nothing			2	31	33
Don't like it / will be unused				7	7
Net on footy side			2	2	4
Shaded seating area for parents				4	4
Remove benches near 3 point line				3	3
Needs to be built and designed by locals				3	3
Add drinking fountain				3	3
Square backboard			2		2
No double rim			2		2
Neutral			1	1	2
Add bins				2	2
More separation from skatepark				2	2
Add skate flat obstacle to perimeter of court				2	2
Multiuse / Pickleball line marking				2	2

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CONSULTATION WORKSHOP

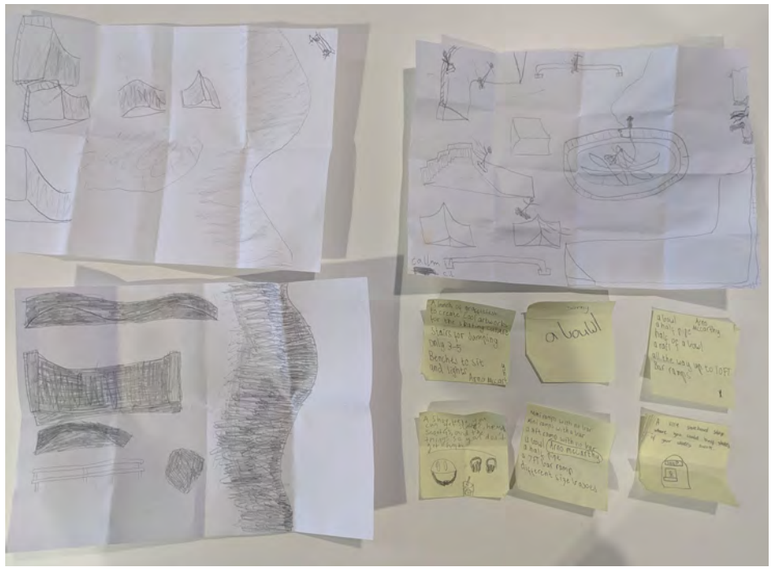
IN PERSON COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

After CONVIC presented the draft concept design, participants were divided into small groups and asked to discuss the proposed design. Each group was encouraged to sketch, draw, or write down ideas for potential changes and improvements. This activity enabled participants to share their thoughts and aspirations for the project while fostering meaningful discussion and collaboration.

A representative from each group presented their ideas and feedback to the wider audience. This process helped develop a collective understanding of participants' views on the proposed design and identified key improvements and changes that will inform the development of the final concept design.

Clear themes and opportunities for improvement emerged from the feedback. Although a range of comments was received, the changes outlined below were the most consistently identified across the majority of groups. This indicates a strong level of agreement within the community regarding the proposed design. As a result, the final concept should prioritise these key areas for improvement to ensure the design effectively responds to community needs, preferences, and expectations.

- Add more shade and trees
- Add more seating
- Add bike racks
- Change the colours/add more colours
- Add learning coloured lines to clearly identify different skill level areas
- Add a graffiti/art wall with possibility of having one side climbable
- Add a stair gap with handrails and hubbas
- Include autumn trees
- Add a BBQ
- Make pump track bigger
- Add more drinking fountains
- Add ramps with no coping for easy drop ins
- Include a shop/kiosk for food and equipment rental









THE KYNETON SKATEPARK AIMS TO REVITALISE YOUTH RECREATION BY CREATING A CONTEMPORARY, ICONIC, AND WELCOMING FACILITY. MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS AND STRENGTHENING CONNECTION TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.

CONSULTATION SUMMARY

The community consultation demonstrated strong support for the proposed Kyneton Skatepark redevelopment, with respondents generally endorsing the overall layout and range of activities proposed within the concept design.

The inclusion of a bowl, beginner street area, flow zone, mini ramp, pump track and half court was viewed positively, with many respondents recognising the value of providing recreational opportunities for a broad range of ages, skill levels and user groups. While support for the concept was high, respondents consistently identified opportunities to refine and strengthen the design.

Common themes included the need for additional shade, seating, public amenities and spectator areas, as well as a desire for the skatepark to better reflect the character of Kyneton through unique design features, artwork/more colours and local identity. Many respondents also highlighted the importance of creating clear progression opportunities for beginners while ensuring experienced users are catered for through more challenging features and varied terrain.

RECOMMENDED DESIGN CHANGES

Based on the consultation feedback, the concept design should be refined to better balance beginner, intermediate and advanced user needs while improving overall comfort, safety and identity. Key design changes should include:

- Increasing the amount of seating and spectator areas throughout the precinct, particularly adjacent to beginner and family-oriented spaces.
- Provision of supplementary amenities, including bike racks, rubbish bins, drinking fountains, and more shade over seating areas.
- Reviewing the bowl design to consider increased depth, additional extensions and more advanced features that provide greater challenge and progression opportunities.
- Expanding and strengthening the beginner street area through additional progression-focused obstacles and improved separation from higher-speed movement zones.
- Combine street and flow area to minimise user conflicts and improve circulation between skatepark elements. This area might need to be reduced in size to accommodate a bigger and more functional beginner street area.
- Reviewing the proposed mini ramp area and remove the spine feature to ensure it maximises usability and appeals to the widest range of users.
- Increasing the scale and complexity of the pump track by incorporating additional jumps, alternate riding lines and progression opportunities. However, this is for discussion with Council because the current budget does not allow for the pump track to increase in size and complexity.
- Enhancing the overall design character through more colour and vibrancy, and local artist's sculptures and art.
- Improving safety through careful consideration of fencing, passive surveillance, sightlines and separation between different user groups and activity zones.
- Exploring opportunities to create flexible, multi-purpose recreation spaces, within the half-court area, by adding activities such as pickleball, art and graffiti walls, and climbing opportunities, to maximise community benefit and long-term adaptability.

Overall, the consultation indicates that the community strongly supports proceeding with the redevelopment, with feedback focused primarily on refining and enhancing the concept rather than fundamentally changing its direction. The recommended modifications would strengthen the park's functionality, identity and long-term appeal while maintaining the elements that received the highest levels of community support.

The proposed changes will be discussed with Council and assessed against site and project constraints, including the drainage point of discharge and the available project budget. While all community feedback will be carefully considered, not all requested changes may be feasible due to these constraints.

CONSULTATION SUMMARY



1. Increasing the amount of seating and spectator areas throughout the precinct.
2. Provision of supplementary amenities, including bike racks, rubbish bins, drinking fountains, and more shade over seating areas.
3. Reviewing the bowl design to consider increased depth, additional extensions and more advanced features.
4. Expanding and strengthening the beginner street area.
5. Combine street and flow area to minimise user conflicts and improve circulation between skatepark elements.
6. Reviewing the proposed mini ramp area and remove the spine feature.
7. Increasing the scale and complexity of the pump track by incorporating additional jumps, alternate riding lines and progression opportunities.
8. Enhancing the overall design character through more colour and vibrancy, and local artist's sculptures and art.
9. Improving safety through careful consideration of fencing, passive surveillance.
10. Exploring opportunities to create flexible, multi-purpose recreation spaces, particularly within the half-court area.

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MOVING FORWARD

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As part of the ongoing design process for the Kyneton Skatepark, the Draft Concept Consultation Report will be presented to Council to inform discussions and support the development of the facility's final concept design.

Following Council's review, Convic will commence preparation of the final concept design, incorporating feedback received from the community throughout the consultation process. Subject to Council endorsement of the final concept, Convic will then progress to the detailed design phase, producing the documentation required for construction tendering and the future delivery of the skatepark.

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