

Skate group ready to roll

Passion in place — Lewis Park views represented

Skaters, Police and Council are set to discuss the future use of a local BMX and skating facility at Lewis Park

Dinsdale Ward Councillor, Adam Gill, welcomed the official forming of the Lewis Park Skate and BMX Facility Reference Group as a promise "delivered" this week.

"The community told Council the site needed a reprieve from a planned decommissioning," Cr Gill said. "And we listened.

"But Council didn't just walk away and forget about the facility," he added. "We promised to form a group to help chart a future for the site."

Cr Gill said the appointment of community/skating representatives was an important part of the group's formal setup at the 9 September meeting of Council.

"The community, and most importantly users of Lewis Park, play a vital role in the facility's future," Councillor Gill said.

David Lalama, Chris Josza and Vivienne Mole are the latest additions to the group, which will be responsible for reviewing and reporting on the performance and use of the Lewis Park Skate and BMX facility to Council's Recreation and Leisure Liaison Group.

They will also assess the facility's physical condition and report on facility management issues while undertaking a cost-benefit analysis as part of the two-year review.

"As we saw earlier this year, there is certainly a lot of community passion for Lewis Park," Cr Gill added. "I think the newly established reference group captures that passion."

Council also endorsed amended Terms of Reference for the group to accommodate additional technical support and input from the local Police.

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