

## Capella Reserve redevelopment ramps up with start of Stage 2

Mayor of Marion Kris Hanna and Senator for South Australia Andrew McLachlan have turned the first soil to mark the start of Stage Two of the \$3 million redevelopment of Capella Drive Reserve at Hallett Cove.

Stage 2 involves the construction of a new playground, pump track, public toilets, and the installation of ninja warrior fitness equipment.

A barbecue and picnic area with additional seating, more shade and extended pathways will also be built, and the existing BMX track will be upgraded.

The \$3 million project has been funded with a \$1.71 million contribution from the City of Marion and \$1.29 million from the Australian Government through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program. The LRCI program supports local councils to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects across Australia, supporting jobs and the resilience of local economies to help communities bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Stage 1 was officially opened in December last year and delivered a state-of-the-art skate track, a three-on-three basketball court, rock-climbing wall, new lighting, and an extended car park.

Work on Stage 2 is expected to be finished in mid-2022.

“The community at Capella Reserve has embraced the work the Council has done so far in Stage 1 and over the summer holidays it was great to see people of all ages using the skate park, basketball court and climbing wall,” Mayor Hanna said.

“The skate park was designed and built by award-winning Australian skate park experts - CONVIC - to give skaters one of the best suburban skating experiences in the state.

“With the construction of a pump track and the upgrading of the existing BMX track, we will have three great facilities for skaters and riders.

“The playground, once completed, will feature a slide, flying fox, swing and nature play area and combined with the toilets and barbecue area, Capella Reserve will have something to offer residents and visitors of all ages.

“This is a project that has come together over many years with the Council consulting with the community on the plan in 2019.

“I would like to thank the Australian Government for their contribution to this facility.”

South Australian Senator Andrew McLachlan said: “I am very excited that Stage 2 of the Capella Reserve Precinct Upgrade is now underway.

“This important project will provide the community with state-of-the-art recreation facilities, ensuring families and residents of any age can get active and thrive in these amazing parklands.

“Providing easy access and fun facilities for children to stay active is a fantastic way to support their physical and mental advancement.

“The development of ‘ninja warrior’ fitness equipment, a new playground and pump track is especially exciting and will pair brilliantly with the completed skatepark, climbing wall and basketball court, to create a one-of-a-kind recreation hub in the heart of Hallett Cove.”

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