



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **New skate park opens as showpiece to \$1m plaza**

A new skate park was today unveiled as the showpiece to a \$1 million recreation plaza in the City of Marion.

The park is the major draw card of the newly developed Oaklands Recreation Plaza which includes a mini basketball court, parkour exercise circuit, lawns, lighting and picnic areas.

Skateboarders and BMX riders converged on the park to compete in the latest round of the statewide YMCA Skate Park Leagues.

The multi-use facility is the first of its kind in the City of Marion and contains only the second skate park to be built in the city.

Marion Mayor Kris Hanna, who officially opened the plaza as part of community celebrations, said the facility would be a drawcard for families.

"The skate park takes pride of place at the new Oaklands Recreation Plaza which includes facilities for the broader community," Mr Hanna said.

"People can try out the mini basketball court, have fun exercising on the parkour circuit and picnic on lawns."

The opening saw skateboarders, BMX and scooter riders test their skills in round five of the 2015 Skate Park Leagues which involves competitions for all ages at parks across South Australia.

Free activities, including a DJ and barbecue, ran from 10am to 4pm.

The plaza opened one year after South Australian company M & B Civil Engineering began construction.

The plaza includes walking paths, landscaping and a shelter and is located at **Oaklands Wetland and Reserve, Oaklands Rd, Oaklands Park.**

Oaklands Recreation Plaza has been funded by \$900,000 in grants from the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure's Planning and Development and Local Government Stimulus funding programs and \$100,000 from the City of Marion.

The City of Marion's only other skate park is in Hallett Cove.

The plaza adds to the facilities at the 6.6 hectare Oaklands Wetland and Reserve.

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