



MEDIA RELEASE

Wednesday, 30 September, 2015

New skate park set to thrill at opening of \$1m plaza

More than 300 thrill seekers are set to cheer on skateboarders and BMX riders to the sound of dance music when a new skate park is unveiled in the City of Marion on Saturday, October 10.

The park is the centrepiece of the newly completed \$1 million Oaklands Recreation Plaza which includes a mini basketball court, parkour exercise circuit, lawns, lighting and picnic areas.

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.

Mayor Kris Hanna said he was looking forward to seeing skaters show off their skills, people try out the basketball court and families picnic on the lawns.

"I'm looking forward to seeing skateboarders, BMX riders and scooter users show their skills on the slopes of the skate park," Mr Hanna said.

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

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

"I invite the community to come and celebrate the opening of this unique facility."

Oaklands Recreation Plaza will be officially opened by Mayor Hanna at a free community event on Saturday, October 10 at 11am.

More than 300 people, including about 50 skaters, BMX riders and scooter users, will mark the opening by gathering at the plaza for the latest round of the SA Skate Park Leagues.

BMX rider Shaun Lake from Plympton Park will be one of the first on the slopes.

"I've tried out the skate park and it's well designed so you can pump around without having to stop," Shaun, 15 said.

"It's exciting having the park close to home as I used to have to travel into the city. I'll be there every weekend."

Activities run from 10am to 4pm and include a DJ and a free barbecue.

The plaza, which also includes walking paths, landscaping and a shelter, is at Oaklands Wetland and Reserve, Oaklands Rd, Oaklands Park. More information is available online at marion.sa.gov.au/rec-plaza-opening

Contact: Craig Clarke, Unit Manager Communications, City of Marion, 0434 600 637



facebook.com/CityofMarion



twitter.com/CityofMarion



youtube.com/CityofMarion

Community consultation identified a need for a skate park to serve residents in the centre and north of the city. The City of Marion's only other skate park is in Hallett Cove.

Construction began in October last year and was undertaken by South Australian company M & B Civil Engineering.

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

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.

Contact: Craig Clarke, Unit Manager Communications, City of Marion, 0434 600 637



facebook.com/CityofMarion



twitter.com/CityofMarion



youtube.com/CityofMarion