

Beumaris / Black Rock Neighbourhood skate facility



One of the key findings of the 2004 skate and BMX strategy was the need for a small-scale skating facility in the southern area of Bayside to complement the existing facilities at Elsternwick Park (Brighton), Peterson Street Reserve (Highett) and Royal Avenue (Sandringham).

This recommendation was supported by the 2005 research undertaken by the Centre of Adolescent Health called *Improving the lives of young people*, which we reported in the February 2007 edition of *Bayside News*.

According to that research, a facility for beginner-to-intermediate skate-boarders and roller-bladers could provide a safe neighbourhood learning environment for younger, aged 8-14 years, skaters, who would potentially progress as their skill increased to the larger regional facility in the City of Kingston (near Southland Shopping Centre) for older and more advanced enthusiasts.

A dedicated working group of skaters, Beumaris / Black Rock residents, councillors and Council staff have been talking to the community and considering a range of potential sites.

We can't promise that we will reach a consensus of views, but we can promise that the process will be fair. We can also promise that Council, after hearing all points of view will make a considered decision.

One of the essential elements for a vibrant community is having the opportunity to share differing opinions about issues.

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Cr John Knight
Mayor

Proposed skate facility—Donald MacDonald Reserve Concept drawing for consultation purposes only



South-east view

Frequently asked questions

Q: Why do we need a skate facility for Beaumaris and Black Rock?

A: There are no skate facilities in Beaumaris or Black Rock, but plenty of skaters. Research shows there is demand for a Junior skate facility. At the moment, young people are skating on objects and in areas that are not safe. The Junior skate facility will give them a place to safely skate. Council believes that skating is healthy exercise for young people.

Q: Don't skate facilities encourage anti-social behaviour?

A: The skate facility is aimed at 8-14 year olds. Parents will need to accompany younger children to the skate facility. Other adults will be around the precinct either playing sports, at the nearby playground, or walking their dogs in the off-leash park. This means there will be very minimal anti-social behaviour.

Q: What about graffiti?

A: Graffiti is one anti-social behaviour that sometimes happens around skate facilities. We think any graffiti will be minimal because it tends to happen in skate facilities for older children, and the facility cannot be seen from the road and therefore will not be considered a good target. Nevertheless Council will create a graffiti management plan for the site.

Q: What about litter?

A: There are plenty of bins at Donald McDonald Reserve and children these days are usually more environmentally conscious than adults.

Q: Will it be noisy?

A: Junior skate facilities are not known for being noisy compared to other sporting activities. However, the facility is set back from the road, and other sporting and recreation buildings and vegetation will block noise from the skate facility for those residents who live nearby. Modern skate facilities are made of materials which are quieter than older skate facilities.

Q: Will children be there late at night?

A: There will be no lighting for the skate facility. Some light may spill from the nearby sporting clubs during training, however we encourage parents to have their children home by dark.

Q: Will the site be safe for children?

A: The site has a number of functions so that adults will be around a lot of the time. There are two sporting clubs, the Sea Scouts, a playground for young children, a BBQ and picnic area, and a dog off-leash area nearby to the skate facility. However, Council emphasizes that parents should be accompanying their younger children to the facility.

Q: Will the site be over-developed by adding the Junior skate facility?

A: There is plenty of room at Donald McDonald Reserve for the skate facility. Council views the addition of the skate facility as complementing what is already at the site. All ages, from young children to older children, to adults will now have facilities to use at the reserve.

Q: Will the skate facility affect the conservation of vegetation in the reserve?

A: The site for the skate facility is mainly grass, and not near vegetation of high conservation value. No significant vegetation will be removed for the facility. Any removal of vegetation for the facility will require a planning permit. Skating will not damage any vegetation in the conservation zone as skateboards can only be used on hard surfaces.

Q: Will the skate facility negatively impact on the look of the reserve?

A: The skate facility will be situated alongside the other buildings in the reserve. It will be built so that it is low to the ground, and the colour of the construction materials can be matched to be appropriate with its surroundings.

For more information please contact Leisure and Recreation Manager Lyn Morling on 9599 4444.

Proposed location

Donald MacDonald Reserve, Beaumaris

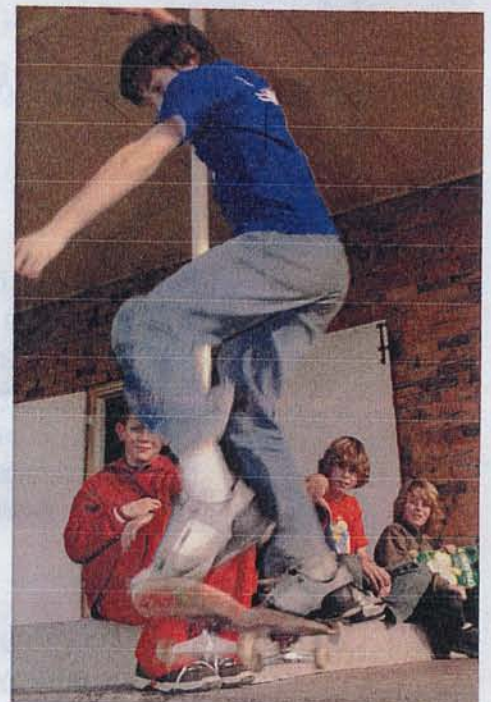


Community consultation

There have been community consultation processes undertaken on potential sites in the Beaumaris / Black Rock area. Donald MacDonald Reserve is now being considered as a proposed location for a junior skate facility.

We would appreciate your consideration of the information we have provided and sending us your feedback via the enclosed survey.

This survey will help inform Council as to local residents' views. A report is due to be considered by Council in the next couple of months. Council values your feedback and looks forward to your participation in this process





City of Bayside - Beaumaris and Black Rock Skate Facility Survey

From consultation on skate facilities, Council is aware of the concerns that can arise. The Frequently Asked Questions on the previous page outlines how Council plans to address the concerns of residents. The aim of this survey is for residents to inform Council of any other concerns they may have that Council has not addressed.

Q1 Council has outlined a number of concerns in the Frequently Asked Questions of this brochure. Are there any other concerns you have that are not addressed?

Q2 Do you have any other suggestions for how Council could address any of the concerns outlined in the Frequently Asked Questions?

Q3 To what extent do you think the addition of a skate facility in Beaumaris, near the border of Black Rock, would be positive for the Beaumaris and Black Rock communities? (Please circle)

Very positive.....	1	Negative.....	4
Positive.....	2	Very negative.....	5
Don't know.....	3		

Finally, a few questions to ensure we are covering a range of Bayside people in our survey.

QA Are you: (please circle)

Male.....	1	Female.....	2
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QB To which of the following age groups do you belong? (please circle)

16 - 24 years old.....	1	50 - 59 years old.....	4
25 - 34 years old.....	2	60 - 69 years old.....	5
35 - 49 years old.....	3	70 + years old.....	6

QC Which of the following groups best describes the structure of your household? (please circle)

Single People - Persons of any age living alone or sharing accommodation in a house or flat.....	1
Young Couple - Young couple either married or living together with no children.....	2
Young Family - Couple or single parent with mainly pre-school children.....	3
Middle Family - Couple or single parent with most children aged from 6 - 15 years.....	4
Mature Family - Couple or single parent with most children over 15 years and still living at home.....	5
Later/Couple/Family - Couple in middle to later age groups with no children in house or have never had children.....	6

If you have any additional comments, please attach them to this survey. We appreciate the time you took in completing this survey. For more information please contact Leisure and Recreation Manager Lyn Morling on 9599 4444.