

# LEN T FRAZER SKATEPARK

Engagement Report

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# Executive Summary

## Project Overview

The regional skate park at Len T Fraser Reserve was originally constructed in 2003 and has served the community for more than two decades. While the facility remains functional, it is now ageing, limited in its range of skate elements, and increasingly reliant on repair and maintenance works. In response to strong community interest and growing demand, an expansion has been planned to provide a broader variety of features that cater to different age groups, skill levels, and styles of skate activity. This will maximise usage of the regional asset and ensure it continues to meet contemporary recreational expectations.

## Purpose

To deliver a major expansion of the regional skate park at Len T Fraser Reserve, creating a modern, diverse, and high-quality facility that supports the needs of local youth and the wider skating community.

## Objectives

- Integrate new, contemporary skate elements with the existing park to enhance the diversity and functionality of the facility.
- Provide a safe, inclusive, and engaging skate environment suitable for all ages and skill levels from beginners to advanced users.
- Improve the longevity and reliability of the asset by replacing ageing elements and reducing ongoing maintenance requirements.
- Strengthen Len T Fraser Reserve's role as a regional recreation destination, supporting increased use and community wellbeing.
- Ensure the expanded skate park aligns with current design standards, safety requirements, and best practice skate-park development principles.

## Summary of scope of engagement

Project to include:

- Repair work as required on existing skate park
- Expansion to existing regional skate park in line with agreed designs worked through during consultation with the community.
- Associated infrastructure such as connecting paths and drinking fountains



# Audience and Reach

## In-person Stakeholder meetings / Community sessions

There were two face-to-face drop-in sessions where the community was encouraged to meet with officers and design consultants to share their ideas. These sessions were held at the band hall onsite at the Len T Frazer Reserve after work hours to cater to different community needs.

**4 December 2023**, 5.30pm – 7.30pm at the Len T Frazer Band Hall (Twenty-Five attendees)

**3 December 2024**, 5.30pm – 7:30pm at the Len T Frazer Band Hall (Twenty-two attendees)

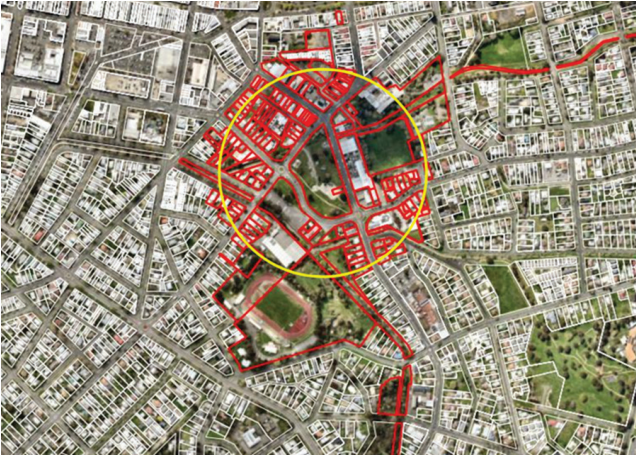
## YMCA led Learn to Skate Session at Len T Frazer Reserve

A learn to Skate session was held at the current Len T Frazer Skatepark aimed at girls/gender diverse participants between the ages of 8 yrs – 18 yrs on 13th December 2025 10am - 12pm. At the session participants were given the opportunity to provide feedback on the concept designs using the City of Ballarat MySay Page.



## Letter Box Drops

Letter box drops were completed to surrounding neighbors of the Reserve. Letters to the residents were delivered on 2 December 2025 to houses and businesses that directly faced or backed onto the precinct. This provided nearby residents with an opportunity to reach out to the project team directly, to discuss any issues they may have wished to raise given their proximity to the precinct and possible impact. There were 142 total properties captured, 119 Residential, 23 Commercial (see map below)



## Promotional Activities

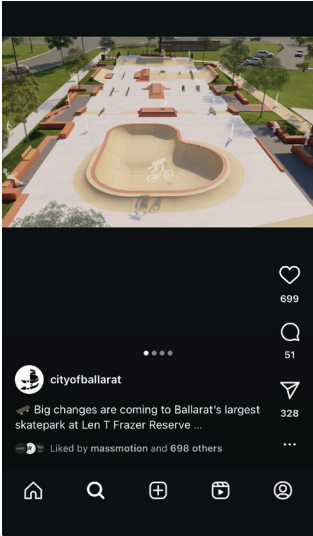
In addition to the letter drops, there was a media release and social media was utilised with sponsored targeted ads which directed community members to the MySay page.

## Media Release Data

City of Ballarat Website: **255 Views**

Facebook post: **60,638 views**  
**184 clicks**

Instagram Post: **26,036 views**  
(this was the second biggest post for 2025 on the City of Ballarat Instagram)



### Engagement signage at Ballarat locations

Signs were installed at key areas of other skate and BMX facilities around the municipality encouraging community participation in the My say Page.

These were located at:

- Len T Frazer Skatepark
- MR Power Park Skatepark Sebastopol
- Marty Busch BMX Track



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### MySay Page

Broad engagement with the community involved the creation of a MySay webpage which was open for 21 days from the 2nd-23rd of December 2025.

The webpage received:

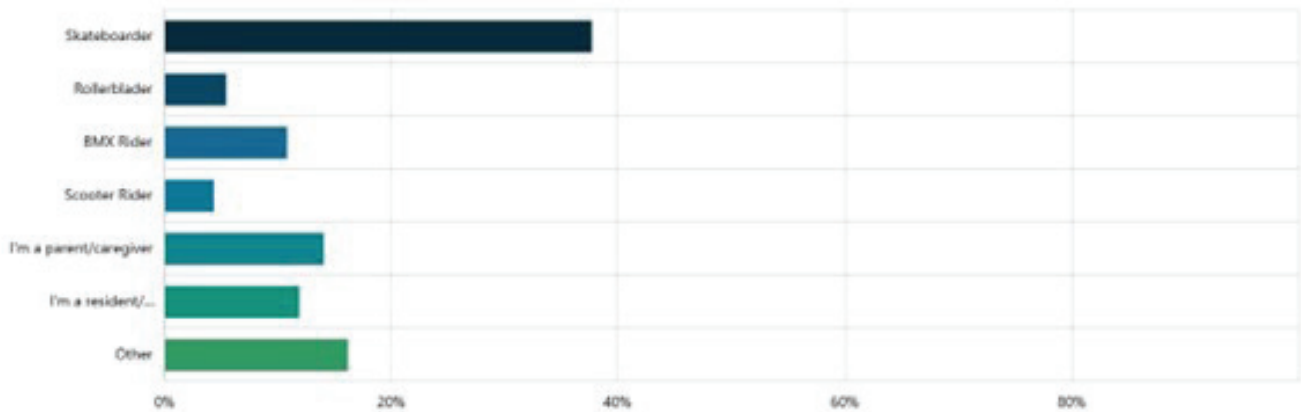
- 926 views**
- 93 contributions** from the community.

# Questions Summarised

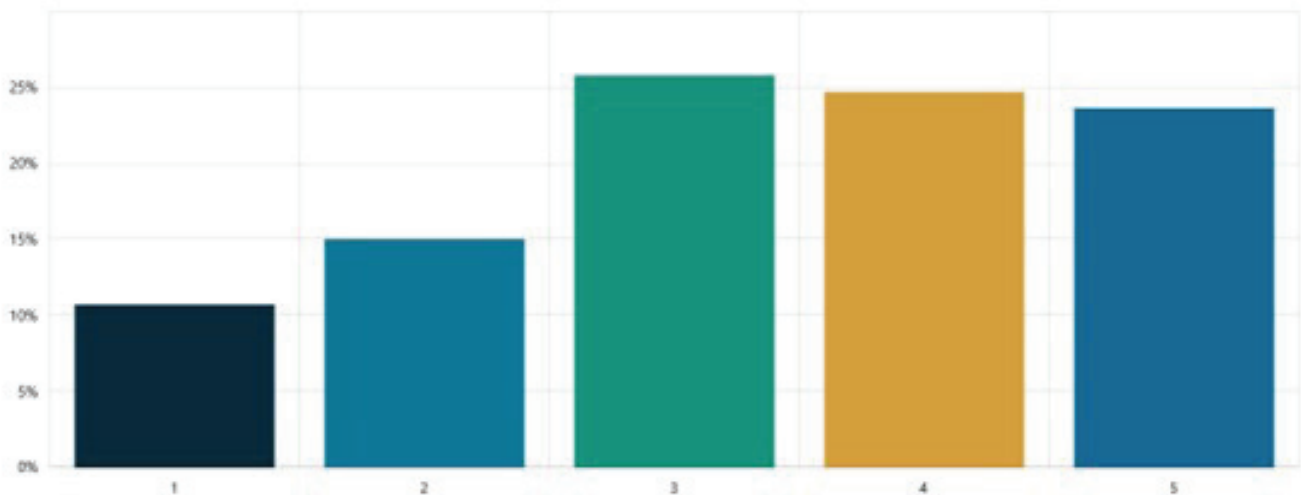
## Q1 – Please provide feedback on the Skate Park concept design.

Feedback on the skate park concept design was generally positive, with many people praising the expanded layout, variety of features, and opportunities for progression. However, recurring themes included a strong call for more shade or sheltered areas, reflecting Ballarat’s challenging weather, as well as the need for better lighting to extend usability and improve safety. Users also highlighted specific design concerns such as avoiding slippery or brick textured surfaces, ensuring balanced features for all skill levels, incorporating rollerskating and pumptrack elements, and retaining or improving existing assets like the basketball court. Many contributors stressed the importance of listening to experienced local skaters, improving amenities (toilets, seating, water taps), and creating a space that supports both beginners and advanced riders through thoughtful design and programming.

## Q2 – What is your main activity



## Q3 – How welcoming and inclusive do you currently find the Len T Skate Park

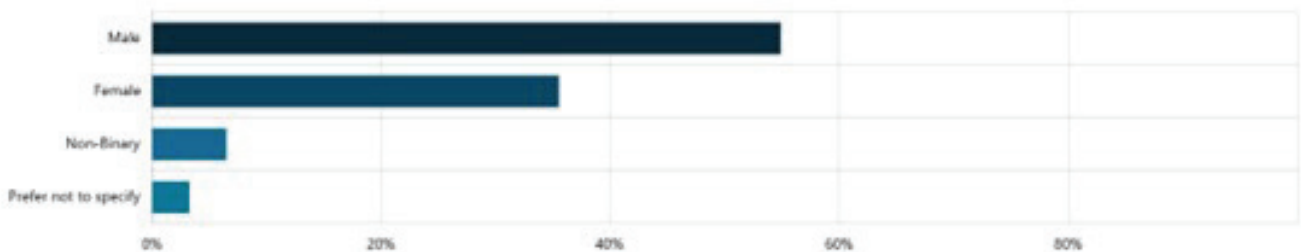


(Scale - 1 Not welcoming - 5 very welcoming)

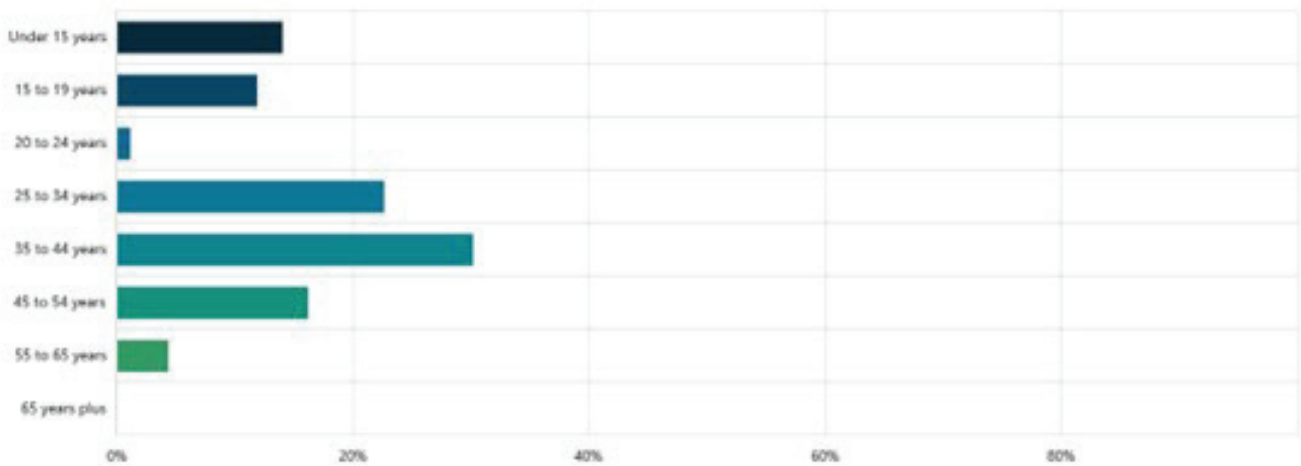
### Q4 - Is there anything that you can suggest that would make this space feel more welcoming to you?

Community feedback highlighted a strong desire for more shade and shelter, as well as lighting, to make the space comfortable and usable in Ballarat’s weather conditions. People also want improved amenities including better toilets, water fountains, seating, and accessible paths along with beginner-friendly areas, programs, and clearer zones so users of all ages and abilities feel included. Additional suggestions such as art/graffiti walls, roller skating areas, safety measures, and more greenery were also commonly raised as ways to create a more welcoming environment.

### Q5 - How do you identify?



### Q6 - Which of the following age categories do you belong to?



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# Responding to the Community Feedback

To respond to community priorities and improve the usability, inclusiveness, and long term functionality of the Len T Skate Park redevelopment, the following recommendations are proposed:

## Shade, Shelter and Weather Protection

- Increase **shade structures** and sheltered seating areas over spectator areas and rest zones, this has been accommodated and will be implemented in the updated design.
- Shade over skating elements was explored but was deemed not feasible due to Heritage Constraints and costs implications.
- Incorporate **natural shade** through tree planting and landscaping that does not obstruct sightlines or interfere with safety. This will be referred to Council's City Design team and be incorporated in future park upgrades as identified by Council's upcoming Open Space Strategy. There will also be an element of soft Landscaping completed as part of the project construction.

## Lighting (Not Feasible for this project)

Due to **Heritage constraints** associated with the site and current budget limitations, the following elements cannot be delivered as part of this project:

- Installation of **high quality, skate friendly lighting** to extend safe use into early mornings and evenings.
- Lighting design treatments intended to **improve visibility** while minimising light spill to neighbouring properties.

While these improvements were strongly supported in community feedback, they fall outside the scope of what is achievable within the existing Heritage approvals and available project budget.

## Surface Quality and Design Refinements

The consultation group supports the overall skatepark layout and bowl design, with several refinements incorporated to improve safety, flow and functionality of the street elements.

- An 8–9 stair set can only be accommodated at the park entrance due to flow and safety constraints.
- Flat out rails and an additional ledge have been incorporated into the design.
- The curved seating ledge was excluded to maintain required safety clearances from active skate areas.
- The bank top ledge has been adjusted to include a wallie/angled face, while retaining a straight ledge for consistent height.
- Requested ledge heights of 180mm, 350mm and 450mm have been provided.
- Kicker-to-kicker banks have been steepened to achieve improved pop.
- The end quarter pipe height has been increased to 1.65m to enhance flow and return speed.
- The central brick-textured bank feature has been removed to improve layout efficiency, eliminate cross lines and remove associated brick texture.

## Amenities and Supporting Infrastructure

### (To Be Addressed Through Council's Open Space Strategy)

Community feedback highlighted the need for improved amenities surrounding the skate park; however, many of these elements fall outside the scope of the current skate park upgrade project. Broader, non skate infrastructure will be considered and prioritised through Council's Open Space Strategy, including:

- Upgrades or provision of **accessible toilets** and improved access routes.
- Broader **seating opportunities** for parents, spectators, and resting users **throughout the reserve** (shade and seating around skatepark will be addressed)
- Integrate greenery and landscaping to soften the environment and create a more welcoming feel.

These items will be reviewed holistically as part of broader open space planning to ensure they align with long term precinct needs, resourcing, and strategic investment.

## Accessibility and Inclusiveness

The following areas of feedback were provided to the designer and will be incorporated into the updated design:

- Provide **clear zoning** within the park to support both beginner and advanced riders.
- Ensure accessible **pathways, entries**, and circulation that cater to all abilities.
- Provide opportunities for **beginner programs**, skill sessions, or activation partnerships.

## Creative and Community Driven Elements

- Include opportunity for **graffiti or art walls**, murals, or community led design features to reflect local identity.

## Existing Facilities

- Retain, enhance, or relocate the basketball court based on design feasibility and demonstrated community usage.
- While the 3x3 basketball court is currently included as a tender option, the project team will prioritise its inclusion within the available budget.
- Should the court fall outside the final budget allocation, it will be delivered as a Stage 2 component, ensuring the feature remains part of the broader vision for the precinct.
- Ensure co located facilities do not conflict with skate activity zones.

## Conclusion

**Overall, the Len T Skate Park redevelopment responds directly to community feedback while recognising the physical, heritage, and budgetary constraints of the site.**

Where feasible within the project scope, key improvements to skate functionality, safety, accessibility, and user experience have been incorporated into the updated design. Elements unable to be delivered as part of this project such as lighting and broader amenity upgrades have been clearly identified for future consideration through Council's Open Space Strategy, ensuring they remain part of the long-term vision for the precinct.

Collectively, the proposed outcomes deliver a balanced, inclusive and future-focused upgrade that strengthens the skate park's role as a valued community facility while maintaining alignment with strategic planning, heritage obligations, and resourcing priorities.





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