



Skate Park Facility Policy

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1 OUTCOMES:

To manage a safe, well designed Skate Park Facility.

2 POLICY:

To detail Queanbeyan City Council's approach to existing and future Skate Park Facilities including provision standards; safety standards; risk management and maintenance procedures.

3 DEFINITIONS

Nil

4 LEGISLATIVE OBLIGATIONS AND/OR RELEVANT STANDARDS

Nil

5 CONTENT:

"Young people have needs in public spaces which are similar to other community members and they would prefer to share space with other people rather than be isolated from them.

Activities such as skateboarding and rollerblading are, however, recognised as having particular spatial requirements, and particular potential for conflict with other public space users. Designated spaces are preferred for these uses, but they should still be visible to other users, both for their spectator value and for casual surveillance." (Young People Today...Planning for their Needs in Public Spaces,(1998))

Skate Park Facilities are popular places for young people and can help develop physical skills. They provide an appropriate place to meet, providing the opportunity for social interaction and relaxation. It is accepted that the Skate Parks will become a focus for youth to gather, socialise and recreate.

Council's philosophy regarding the provision of Skate Parks is to provide open, unsupervised access to facilities similar to the provision of playground equipment in parks. It is essential that the location of the Skate Park is acceptable to youth and that the location provides facilities that will form an attraction in addition to the Skate Park.

Goals

To provide safe and well designed Skate Park Facilities which meet the recreational needs of the young people of Queanbeyan.

Objectives

- To ensure that skate parks are designed and constructed to appropriate industry standards.
- To ensure that skate park facilities are designed by experts in the field of Skate Park design.
- To ensure the participation of the user group in the design of Skate Park facilities.
- To provide appropriate Skate Park facilities which will provide safe places for young people to gather and recreate.
- To provide Skate Park facilities which are regularly inspected to ensure that are in a safe condition for use.
- To maintain graffiti free Skate Park facilities.
- To provide open and unsupervised Skate Park facilities.

- To provide Skate Park facilities that are available for use during daylight hours unless lighting is provided which will enable extended use of the facility.
- To provide Skate Park facilities which is available for use by skateboarders, rollerbladers, BMX and scooter riders.

Graffiti

Graffiti can be an important part of skate/street culture and may have a place in selected locations. Offensive graffiti is however unacceptable in society and must be removed. Council has a policy of zero tolerance to graffiti in Skate Parks. All offensive or inappropriately placed graffiti is to be removed within 3 days of it being reported or sooner.

Risk Management

All Skate Park facilities are to be designed with safety in mind and to conform to recognised industry standards.

Signs are to be erected and maintained in accordance with the current State Wide Best Practice Manual for "Signage for Remote Supervision" informing users of the risks associated with the activity and strongly recommending the use of protective safety equipment such as helmets, knee pads and elbow pads.

Maintenance and Safety Inspections

Skate Parks will be inspected on a regular daily basis (first thing in the morning) to ensure the skate surface is free of any debris which may cause injury to the park users.


Any rubbish immediately surrounding the Skate Park surface will also be removed to ensure it does not end up on the skate surface and cause injuries.

Any graffiti must be reported and if not removed at the time of inspection be scheduled for removal within 3 days. A daily record of this inspection will be kept detailing any work carried out or required.

Skate Parks will also receive a more detailed safety inspection on a three monthly basis. This will look in detail at the integrity of the skate surface and the condition of surrounding surfaces and park furniture.

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