

Media Release

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WAURN PONDS SKATE PARK RAMPS UP THE FUN

More skaters can roll into Waurn Ponds Skate Park this summer as the park boasts its new facility upgrades, thanks to the Andrews Labor Government.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence today joined Member for South Barwon Darren Cheeseman, City of Greater Geelong Mayor Cr Trent Sullivan and the local community to officially open the revamped facility, which received more than \$1.7 million in funding from the Labor Government.

The skate park is a major destination for local and regional skaters, and upgrades have expanded the park's offerings to create a destination that caters for all ages and abilities.

Works at the park have included new beginner and advanced skating bowls, a skate plaza with seating and a refurbishment of the mini and vertical ramps.

Non-skaters can also enjoy the park's facilities, including a court with basketball and netball rings, as well as an outdoor playground featuring parkour equipment, bars, trampolines and a flying fox.

The Waurn Ponds Skate Park was designed in consultation with the community and is one of two skate park upgrades being delivered as part of the project. The second, in St Leonards, is due for completion later this year.

The *Victorian Budget 2023/24* is providing more than \$213 million to deliver new and improved community sports infrastructure and support initiatives that boost participation and inclusion in local sports clubs and organisations. It's part of the more than \$1.9 billion invested in community sport and recreation infrastructure since 2014.

The City of Greater Geelong also contributed \$600,000 to the project.

For more information about infrastructure grant opportunities visit sport.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"Waurn Ponds and the Bellarine Peninsula are home to a passionate and growing community of skaters, and it's wonderful to see they now have a skate park that meets the needs of people of all ages and abilities."

"By taking on board feedback from the community, we've ensured that Waurn Ponds Skate Park will continue to be an important regional sport and recreation hot spot for years to come."

Quote attributable to Member for South Barwon Darren Cheeseman

"The upgrades to Waurn Ponds Skate Park mean more members of the local community can get active and enjoy the health and wellbeing benefits that come from taking part in sport and recreation."