

# Washington Skate Park STAGE 3



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WSP park design**

**Open Day 10.30am - 4pm  
Saturday 24th November**

**Skate and discuss stage 3 with  
international park designers CONVIC**

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*Followed by,*

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**10.30am - 4pm**

**With Council Reps @ WSP for  
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**Monday 17th December.**



## **NEW EXTENSIONS TO WASHINGTON WAY SKATE PARK**

An exciting state-of-the art extension to the Washington Way skate park will make the facility one of the best in the country and take skate parks to a new level.

Skaters, Bmxers and in-line skaters as well as the public are being asked for their views on the new addition designed by Convic who have designed over 200 of the top skate parks across Australia and Asia.

Planner Grant MacLeod says while the design reflects what park users want, it is a change from the current concept of a skate park which is separate from the rest of the environment it sits in. Instead it incorporates a plaza and park area so it can be used by both skaters and those wanting a place to sit and watch.

“This has worked with great effect in Cairns where skaters, pedestrians and onlookers all have a space to reside and where people can appreciate the skills of the park user,” Mr MacLeod says.

“Skate boarding originated through people skating on the streets and in empty swimming pools. This design reflects the areas where skaters want to be, but where they have been banned from such as Victoria Square. It is creating a great urban space where skaters feel they are in their natural environment with special design features and landscaping.”

Convic designer Jason McNamee says “We are reproducing the skate experience of parts of Cathedral Square and central skate spots where skaters attempting steps and handrails amongst crowds pose risks. The new area allows easy access into the central skate area via skateable concourse coming from the city centre and from nearby cinema.”

The extension consists of a 145m long skateable concourse, a feature bowl with cradle, an intermediate bowl with split levels and spine and an urban plaza with planters, shade trees and bouldering walls. The design provides for the complete range of styles; skateboarders, BMX and inline at all skill levels.

“The integration of landscape elements, spaces and materials allows a unique skate experience as well as providing seating and viewing areas and an area for judging competitions,” says Mr MacLeod.

“We are seeking feedback for people to make sure what is in the design is what they want and we need to know we are taking Washington Way in the right direction,” Mr MacLeod says. “It is such a well-used area catering for the recreational needs of younger people so we want to get it right.”

Convic designers and Council staff will be at the skate park on November 24 to discuss the design and to get feedback.



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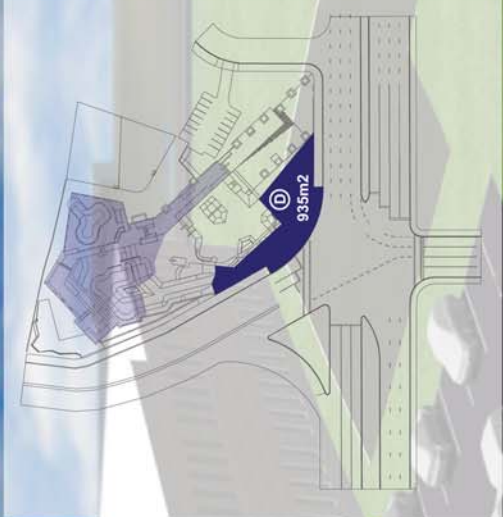
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# E Ramped plaza and cascading stairs

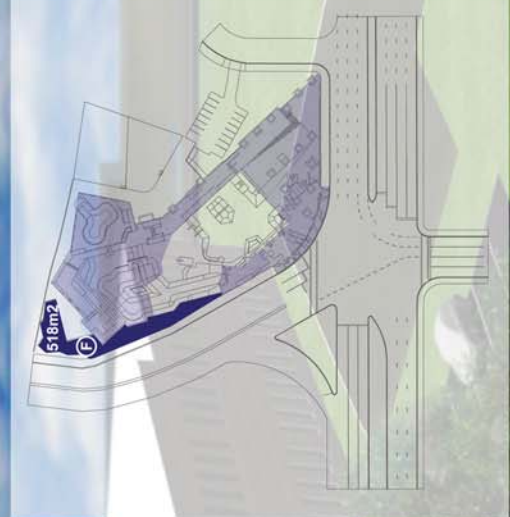
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# WASHINGTON SKATEPARK DESIGN

The Stage 3 extension to the existing Washington Skate Park consists of a 1.45m long skateable 'Concourse', a feature bowl with cradle, an intermediate bowl with split levels and spine, 'urban plaza' with planters, shade trees and bounding wall.

The design provides for the complete range of styles; skateboards, BMX and inline, and all skill levels.

The integration of landscape elements, spaces and materials, allows unique skate experiences as well as provides refuge (viewing and seating) and an area for judging competitions.



## 1 'Urban Plaza'

The paved entry area opens views into the skate park from Moorhouse Avenue and Waltham Road. This promotes the facility to the wider community as well as improving security through natural surveillance. All edges to the facility are contained within a 'folded' steel barrier which also provides seating along its length. Feature signage and surface treatment at the openings in the barrier establish a controlled entry.

It is proposed to clear all understorey vegetation around the Public Toilet and replace this with concrete planters arrayed across the Plaza. Each planter provides a varied skate function. Shade trees are located within the planters.

2 Within the Plaza along Waltham Road cantilevered precast coloured concrete flat banks are arranged as sculptural skate items tying into bands of planting.

3 A substantial 31M long 20 degree 1.5M high bank, falling to ground level, separates the Concourse from the Urban Plaza. This allows a flow from the existing street course to the Urban Plaza. The banked wall can be approached from any direction with a series of planters located at the top of the wall, bank to wall skate elements.

4 Skateable 'Concourse' The 7.5m wide Concourse is elevated to contain activity & noise along the west side and to allow clear access to all areas of the skate park. The circulation meets DDA requirements with physically impaired access to the feature bowl, bounding wall and seating steps to the south. This also ensures emergency access across the park.

Strategically located planters, ledges, steps and banks along the Concourse allow several skate elements to be used in series. Timber bench seats are located between planters.

5 Sculptural radial ledges and a steel curved rolling ramp are located next to the existing 2.0m high flat bank landing.

A Loading Dock connects the Concourse with the existing street course. The far rail is lowered allowing the side rail to be skated.

6 The northern end of the Concourse is terminated by a cascade of stairs, similar to Cathedral Square. This allows a range of stair heights to be skated. Feature rails, also of various heights, are located at the stairs.

An existing concrete wall at the rear of the flat bank and a steep worm planter bed currently separates the skatepark from the grassed area at Moorhouse Avenue. The proposed ramped plaza and cascading steps directs views into the skate park and opens the skate park at the northern edge improving natural surveillance and encouraging visitation.

7 The southern end of the Concourse rises to create seating steps for viewing over the intermediate bowl. Importantly there is no dedicated seating immediately adjacent to the Waltham Road bridge, the layout and changes in level forces the 'social' areas away from the wall to more visible and central locations. Banked walls at the far edge and at the seating steps provide a range of wall ride and ledge to bank options.

## 8 Feature Bowl

The constant 9H(2.7M) depth bowl has a round and square section with a 3.5/5.0m straight quarter pipe leading to a 18H(5.4M) full pipe with cradle. The bowl is configured with three hips. Transition radius of 2.4M. The feature bowl has high density precast concrete pool coping.

The orientation of the feature bowl maximizes views into the bowl from Waltham Road. The cradle will contain activity and noise at the west boundary. The landing area around the bowl caters for competitions, including the nominated judges area. 'Folded' steel bench seats at the periphery prevents skateboards from spilling out onto adjacent areas. A Garden Gap is located at the northern corner. The ramp allows general access meeting DDA requirements and allows equipment for competitions and events to be carted to the bowl area.

## 9 Intermediate Bowl (extension)

The bowl has been extended to include various depths (1.2, 1.5 & 1.8M depths). The bowl includes intermediate level waterfall, 2.25M high curved escalated wall and a spine between the 1.2 and 1.8M bowl levels. The spine incorporates a banked transfer 0.9M above coping level (2.1 - 2.4M total height). All coping is steel CHS (round).

The central 'planter' / seat wall has been completed as originally intended.

## 10 Entry Paths / Access

Access from the existing carpark is via a DDA compliant ramp to the Concourse at 1.0M. Access to the Bouldering Wall and elevated viewing area to the south of the skate park is via a ramp which connects to the existing road side footpath at 1.45M. There is at grade entry at the Moorhouse Avenue and Waltham Road intersection.

## 11 Retaining Wall

There is a precast concrete retaining wall proposed at the southern boundary of the rail line, with steel mesh balustrades fixed to the top. The elevation of the general area at the southern end of the skate facility maximizes viewing, prevents blind spots 'behind' the existing skatepark revealing the entire skate park to passing traffic at the Moorhouse Avenue and Waltham Road intersection and bridge.

MOORHOUSE AVENUE

WALTHAM ROAD