

12. THOMSON PARK SKATEBOARD FACILITY UPGRADE

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The purpose of this report is to advise the Board on the final designs for the upgrade of Thomson Park.

Background

The Burwood/Pegasus Community Board at its 26 November meeting requested a monthly progress report on skateboard facilities development with the objective of putting the Thomson Park upgrade to tender by March 2000.

Thomson Park Upgrade

As a result of consultation with local skaters, changes have been made to the original draft designs. This new design includes a beginner's half pipe (requested by nearly all of the skaters approached), transition elements with a central pyramid and street skating elements with two rails and a grinding box. These skating features are versatile and can be used by beginners through to advanced skaters. Leisure staff will present the designs to the Board at the meeting.

There is also an allowance for partial resurfacing to speed up the central skateboarding area. The long-term plan is to resurface the remaining skateboard area and include a shallow bowl.

Subject to final approval from the Board the project is ready to go to tender by March.

Chairperson's

Recommendation: That the Board approve the final designs for the upgrade of the Thomson Park skateboard facility.