

# MAYORAL MINUTE BOOKLET

Notice is hereby given that an Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held at the Civic Centre, Dee Why on

**Tuesday 22 October 2013**

Beginning at 6:00pm for the purpose of considering and determining matters included in this Mayoral Minute Booklet.



**Rik Hart**  
**General Manager**



**Mayoral Minute for an Ordinary Meeting of Council  
to be held on Tuesday 22 October 2013  
at the Civic Centre, Dee Why  
Commencing at 6:00pm**

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<b>ITEM 5.1</b>	<b>MAYORAL MINUTE NO 24/2013 - SKATE PARK FACILITIES</b>
<b>TRIM FILE REF</b>	<b>2013/260430</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	<b>NIL</b>

**BACKGROUND**

As Council continues to develop plans for our parks and improve and increase recreational facilities throughout Warringah, I believe there may be opportunities to consider including temporary and or permanent Skate Park facilities at appropriate venues to cater for this increasingly popular sport.

We already offer a great range of recreational facilities and we are continuing to deliver even more facilities along with promoting a healthy lifestyle here in Warringah. Skate Parks provide a place for our youth to engage in an outdoor activity with their peers and develop new friendships. It provides our youth with an alternative to sitting in front of a television and takes them away from their play stations and Wii games. There are possibly public safety benefits to this proposal. I hear from residents of their frustration with our youth skating around our public areas and walkways so by establishing new venues, our young people will have a place to go and practice and develop their skills.

While Council has skate park facilities at places like Forestville and Manly Vale for example, and offer temporary skate ramps and classes during the school holidays, there is a definite need for more venues to cater for the demand. We should explore appropriate sites across Warringah where such facilities could be established. Some of you may be aware of the Monster Skate Park facility located in the Western Suburbs that is hugely successful. It offers indoor and outdoor facilities for bikes, skateboards and scooters, school holiday and clinic programs to cater for the various skate styles and is open day and night. You only have to visit one of our skate parks such as the revamped Skate Park at Forestville War Memorial Oval to see that facilities are used by young people on bikes, skateboards and scooters and there are varying age groups and standards.

I call on Council to seek written proposals from interested parties so that we can establish what options are available to establish new facilities either on a temporary or permanent basis within Warringah. This would include consulting with established skating businesses and key stakeholders to identify the needs of our local youth community.

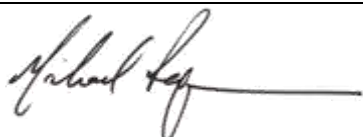
Council staff are to prepare a short report to be brought back to Council in the new year which identify options for permanent and or temporary facilities, identified venues and a budget for proposed works. I understand this investigation and preparation of the report can be undertaken within existing operational budgets.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

- A. That Council authorise the General Manager, or his delegate, to seek proposals from interested parties for the innovative provision of temporary or permanent skate park facilities in Warringah
- B. That a short report identifying options for temporary or permanent skate park facilities, identified venues and a budget for proposed works be provided to an ordinary meeting of Council within the first quarter of 2014.

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**Michael Regan**  
**MAYOR**

