

# Percy Doyle Outdoor Youth Facilities

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What are outdoor youth recreation facilities?

Outdoor youth recreation facilities are targeted to young people aged from 11 – 25 years, and can include skate parks, dirt BMX tracks or spaces that cater to action wheeled sports activities including skateboards, BMX bikes, dirt BMX bikes, scooters, inline skates, rollerskates and sports modified wheelchairs, as well as related facilities and spaces such as three on three basketball, multi-purpose playing courts, unstructured exercise equipment, nature play and spectator areas.

### What is a business case?

A business case is a feasibility study that investigates whether a project should go ahead based on social, financial, and environmental factors.

The business case process will define the objectives for facilities of a certain type (including financial, utilisation, safety, access, community satisfaction) and provide a robust framework to evaluate various facility options against these objectives. The business case process then tests preferred option(s) through financial impact modelling, and risk assessment.

### Why is the City preparing a business case for outdoor youth facilities in Percy Doyle?

The business case responds to the decision of Council in February 2021 to prepare a business case for skate and/or BMX facilities at Percy Doyle Reserve. Council's decision followed from the adoption of the City of Joondalup Outdoor Youth Recreation Strategy which identified that there is a lack of suitable facilities for young people in the southern suburbs of the City, in particular skate facilities.

The preparation of business case(s) is necessary to properly evaluate facility options and undertake necessary financial modelling for the provision of new facilities, and aligns with the project methodology outlined in the City of Joondalup's Project Management Framework (PMF), which is a guide to managing projects across the City of Joondalup. The PMF provides a standard approach for managing projects across the organisation, ensuring a consistent process for project proposals, planning, implementation, monitoring and closure.

### Why was the site within Percy Doyle Reserve chosen?

Percy Doyle Reserve was identified as a preferred site for outdoor youth facilities by Council. At its meeting held on 16 August 2016 (C46-08/16 refers), Council resolved to request the Chief Executive Officer to initiate development of a formal, detailed business case for the provision of a dedicated skate and/or BMX facility at Percy Doyle Reserve.

A review of land currently available within the reserve identified the "old tennis courts" site as the most appropriate location for outdoor youth recreation facilities. This site is preferred as it has sufficient size for facilities, maintains the greatest distance from residences, and is afforded access and surveillance from Ron Chamberlain Drive and the internal access road to Duncraig Library and Duncraig Community Centre.

### How would the City manage potential noise and anti-social behavior issues?

Provision of outdoor youth facilities can contribute to a reduction in anti-social behaviour by providing safe, enjoyable facilities for young people.

Future facilities would include installation of a CCTV system which the City would monitor for issues of anti-social behaviour. Potential risks would also be mitigated through the presence of the City's Youth Team at regular times of the week, passive surveillance from adjacent access roads and increased lighting. Potential issues would be also be managed through the City's *Skate Park Facility Management Plan*.

### When will new facilities be built?

The business case is investigating the feasibility of facilities; no decision regarding construction of facilities has been made by Council at this time.

The business case is anticipated to be completed by late 2021, enabling Council's consideration of funding allocation into future capital works programs if the business case determines that facilities are feasible.

## How will parking be managed?

The facilities are located near public transport and it is anticipated that many young people using the facilities will access the site through bikes, skateboards, public transport, or be dropped off, therefore reducing demand for parking. However, two of the concept options encourage families to visit the precinct which may generate demand for parking. Whilst parking is available around Percy Doyle Reserve, it is noted that during peak sporting activity, parking areas can be at capacity. The evaluation of the three options, to develop a preferred option, will consider how each responds to the constraints of the site. This will include parking availability.

Once a preferred option is identified, a number of strategies may be considered to manage parking. These may include:

- inclusion of a drop off/pick up point
- inclusion of additional parking bays along Ron Chamberlain Drive
- scheduling of competitions and youth events at times that would not conflict with other sporting events within the precinct
- encouraging use of public transport.

## How is the City consulting with the community on the project?

Community consultation was undertaken in 2018 to inform the City's Outdoor Youth Recreation Strategy. This included a survey and workshops from 11 June to 4 July 2018, and helped to determine gaps in current provision of skate and BMX facilities across the City, preferred locations and types of facilities, and the types of complementary and ancillary facilities and activities that young people would like to use.

The 2018 consultation outcomes contributed to a needs analysis within the Outdoor Youth Recreation Strategy which identifies a need for skate facilities to service the community in the southern suburbs of the City. The consultation outcomes were used to inform the development of three concept options that are being evaluated as part of the business case process. These options illustrate what skate, BMX and associated facilities for young people could look like, and provide a project scope to inform the feasibility analysis, including financial modelling.

In August 2021, the City sought feedback from young people, users of Percy Doyle, and nearby residents on the three options. This included an online feedback activity and in-person consultation sessions where participants could provide feedback on the advantages and disadvantages of each concept option, and provide other feedback on the project. The feedback provided is being used by the City, alongside technical analysis, to evaluate the options and determine which are preferred. The preferred option(s) will be subject to more detailed financial modelling and risk assessment as part of the business case.

Once the business case is complete, future broad community consultation on a preferred concept plan for facilities will be undertaken to inform Council's decision on whether to progress skate and/or BMX facilities within Percy Doyle Reserve.

## Who do I contact for more information?

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