

Date of contribution	Survey Response		
	Please provide your comments on the final concept design.	Where do you live?	What is your interest in the skatepark and recreation precinct?
Mar 08 21 11:53:55 am	im sure if theres a rail on the 2 stair it would be great if you could put a rail on that if theres not one there already it would be great for people learning rails	BYRON BAY, NSW	Scooter
Mar 11 21 10:34:07 am	<p>This park set up looks absolutely amazing. There seems to be a perfect variety of obstacles with plenty of stairs, ledge and rail type features which are hugely lacking from surrounding parks. The space also seems large enough that nothing is too cramped, another large issue with surrounding parks.</p> <p>The only thing to add would be slight bits of shade around the park so some obstacles are shaded and easier to skate during the hot hours of the day.</p>	BANGALOW, NSW	Skateboarder
Mar 11 21 11:31:03 am	<p>Hi there, My names XXXXX and im the manager at the local skate shop in town Street Machine.</p> <p>We're loving the final design and cant wait til the park is built!</p> <p>We would love to be involved with the opening day of the park, we could put on a demo with some team riders and some giveaways, maybe do a free bbq? Would love to be involved with this being the local skate shop.</p> <p>Let me know what you think.</p> <p>Regards, XXXXX</p>	BYRON BAY, NSW	Skateboarder
Mar 11 21 11:31:40 am	Looks amazing. Would highly recommend convic to complete works as well, as there workmanship and final products are a level above the rest.	SUFFOLK PARK, NSW	Skateboarder
Mar 11 21 12:01:01 pm	looks good	POSSUM CREEK, NSW	Skateboarder
Mar 11 21 12:01:29 pm	its absolutely amazing	SUFFOLK PARK, NSW	Skateboarder
Mar 11 21 12:02:50 pm	good.	BYRON BAY, NSW	Skateboarder

Mar 11 21 12:03:18 pm	looks cool	EWINGSDALE, NSW	Scooter
Mar 11 21 12:03:20 pm	its great		Basketball
Mar 11 21 12:03:20 pm	Yes	ALABAMA HILL, QLD	No intredt
Mar 11 21 12:03:43 pm	Looks fresh as	MULLUMBIMB Y, NSW	Ping pong
Mar 11 21 12:03:45 pm	it looks really good and fun to use	BYRON BAY, NSW	Skateboarder
Mar 11 21 12:05:00 pm	it looks very streamlined. I quite like it.	SKINNERS SHOOT, NSW	Performance and art
Mar 11 21 12:05:18 pm	it's big		Parkour
Mar 11 21 12:05:43 pm	I think that it is a bit too big.		Skateboarder
Mar 11 21 05:14:59 pm	This facility will be tagged and graffiti attacked as soon as the fence comes down, if not before that... it should have CCTV attached to the existing street safety camera system to deter vandals, Council must know or realize this will happen, may I suggest including a few purpose built walls for the Graffiti artists and taggers to paint on, this small gesture might deter them from tagging the infrastructure putting a burden on rate payers funds.. Perhaps signage informing potential taggers that they will be prosecuted if caught on the hidden cameras -	BYRON BAY, NSW	Local resident

Mar 11 21 05:44:07 pm	This looks truly fantastic and a great public space. Well done	SUFFOLK PARK, NSW	Local resident
Mar 11 21 06:01:31 pm	Great design although I think that the aboriginal designs all over the park may become outdated very quickly and don't look the best. No design or something more simple or integrated would look better in my opinion	BYRON BAY, NSW	Skateboarder
Mar 11 21 06:37:22 pm	Love it !	SUFFOLK PARK, NSW	Skateboarder
Mar 11 21 06:37:53 pm	It looks rad.	BYRON BAY, NSW	Skateboarder
Mar 11 21 08:44:42 pm	Feel this will be good for the area	BYRON BAY, NSW	Basketball
Mar 11 21 08:53:38 pm	Those block benches in the bottom right of the image look like they're blocking the curved ledge in the bottom right corner from being skatable. Also the two curved ledges look great for skating but they appear to be on grass? Lastly, I know outdoor ping pong seem like a good town planning idea in principle but they never end up being used for two important reasons. 1. Ping pong isn't any fun if there is even a breath of wind and 2. Nobody ever carries a ping pong bats down the street. Maybe spend that money on concreting down to the those two ledges. Or save your cash and spend it on something else entirely.	BYRON BAY, NSW	Skateboarder
Mar 12 21 12:14:01 am	I think any infrastructure which encourages community and sport or recreation should always be highly valued in any community. A safe space where children and adults alike can have fun is fantastic. Where so good at selling land off for another house, instead we need more green spaces, more outdoor areas for everyone to use.	EAST BALLINA, NSW	More than one - Bball, walking, spectating, skating
Mar 12 21 09:16:27 am	Maybe one with cover so can be used in all weather .	BYRON BAY, NSW	Local resident
Mar 12 21 12:54:31 pm	Looks amazing!! But more shade please	SUFFOLK PARK, NSW	Parent or guardian
Mar 12 21 01:59:52 pm	Looks great but needs way more shade- trees/ shade sails as it will be so hot for kids.	SUFFOLK PARK, NSW	Parent or guardian
Mar 12 21 02:46:15 pm	I'd love for a proper public basketball court to find it's place in the design	EWINGSDALE, NSW	Basketball

Mar 12 21 03:01:26 pm	<p>I am only commenting on the big bowl as that is the only item that we would travel to Byron to skate. The area of the big bowl looks to be on the small side relative to the depth. The design lacks ambition and appears to be very similar to the rather mediocre medium-large bowl at Alexandra Headland, Sunshine Coast, Queensland, which is much smaller than the full-sized bowls at Bar Beach, Newcastle, at Bondi, and on the Gold Coast. It is also moderately similar to the other large bowl in the area, at Ballina, which is regrettable as more variety in the region would have been good. The Ballina bowl is better than the Alexandra Headland bowl because the transition at Alex is too mellow for advanced skaters. Whilst pool coping is very much supported, Council should note pool coping requires ongoing prompt maintenance if damaged.</p> <p>The deep end should have 18" of vert so that skaters can complete aerial maneuvers. The concrete pours will need proper supervision to ensure the execution adheres to this.</p> <p>For the shade structure, form should follow function. The circular shade structures are rather silly and give insufficient shade to the seating areas, particularly at the bowl. A wider, more functional design positioned for optimal shade cover across the seating at the hottest times of day is suggested.</p> <p>Lighting is also conspicuous by its absence, which is regrettable as night skating is sunsmart during the summer months. As is typical of Convic designs, "art"-like indulgences and fancy landscaping features have been prioritised over important skate features such as lighting. These features, and coloured concrete simply serve to reduce the available budget for skate features without contributing to the skate experience. Bondi is an excellent bowl and has none of that.</p> <p>On amenities, water bubblers, toilets and lights are important, along with shade and seating.</p>	ANNERLEY, QLD	Skateboarder
Mar 12 21 08:02:38 pm	Please make lighting/ security a priority so it doesn't become a late night hang for undesirables - very excited about this project as it's very much needed for the youth of the community	BYRON BAY, NSW	Parent or guardian
Mar 13 21 12:22:06 am	Where is the green barrier towards Sandhills childcare fence line? There was a sound and visibility protection green belt planned initially what happened to that now? This is absolutely ridiculous for the childcare centre play grounds to be exposed to this so close to the fence line! Will the skate park budget pay for noise cancelling windows and new higher fences for the childcare centre? Where will people park since the closest parking is for childcare and already run over with random parkers every day leaving no room for staff and families to park!	BYRON BAY, NSW	Local resident
Mar 13 21 10:11:43 am	<p>Toilets are a must and council need</p> <p>To have a grounds keeper cleaning up in the morning as we all this may turn into a new night hub for the young people.</p> <p>So Great Byron is getting this though, So needed.</p>	BANGALOW, NSW	I work at the YAC
Mar 13 21 03:08:17 pm	looks comprehensive for everyone's needs	BYRON BAY, NSW	Local resident
Mar 13 21 03:24:23 pm	Considering in Summer the UV rays are extreme for most of the day, the site needs a lot more shade trees and/or shade sails or structures, it's way too exposed.	BANGALOW, NSW	Skateboarder

Mar 13 21 04:00:32 pm	Very good idea. Love it!	SUFFOLK PARK, NSW	Skateboarder
Mar 13 21 04:33:41 pm	<p>Love the design! It will be wonderful for the youth (and adults) to finally have a decent skate park to enjoy in the Shire!</p> <p>I do have concerns about the location, however, knowing there is a terrible homelessness issue in Byron (and in the bush area right near this proposed site) I can see this park surrounded by bush becoming a bit of a haven and perhaps encouraging negative community behaviour such as public drinking, drug use, camping or worse.</p> <p>I would love to see this on the beach front like many other towns and cities have done - Cairns, Bondi and even Ballina!</p> <p>Otherwise, it looks amazing!</p>	BYRON BAY, NSW	Local resident
Mar 13 21 06:49:29 pm	This looks terrific. Please build it and don't compromise in any way.	BYRON BAY, NSW	Parent or guardian
Mar 13 21 08:08:40 pm	<p>Is there enough space for competitions and spectatorS? - bleach seating?</p> <p>Have the young children at Sandhills been considered - there is all of offensive language, smoking etc from the skating scene generally. I'm also a skater...</p> <p>Being out of sight - at night these facilities always attract misconduct. I've seen it - keep it open and well lit!</p> <p>Have you considered putting in a plaza style park near the beach!!!! Think of BONDI - they have huge competitions and the general public stop and watch. It's a exhibition sport.</p> <p>I like the look of the design.</p> <p>I would re consider the position of the park though.</p> <p>Sorry I haven't put a word in on the first rounds.</p>	MULLUMBIMB Y, NSW	Skateboarder
Mar 13 21 08:43:32 pm	Great to see us moving ahead with new public facilities. It looks like a good use of the space. Whilst I would not personally prioritise the use of this money on a skate park I do understand others might. Indeed I welcome any new facilities in town.. however Can we also please find a position of a similar nature for a heated pool recreation facility so people of all ages can stay mobile, learn to swim and enjoy the facility all year round? It to me would be the first priority but happy to have any new public infrastructure.	BYRON BAY, NSW	Local resident

Mar 14 21 07:20:44 am	i think its a really good idea fro byron and its shire		Skateboarder
Mar 14 21 01:55:12 pm	Concrete coping on the big bowl is a must Deep end should be 10 -11 ft	SUFFOLK PARK, NSW	Skateboarder
Mar 15 21 04:37:36 pm	Submission provided as attchment 3 E2021/53374	BYRON BAY, NSW	Local resident
Mar 15 21 05:08:26 pm	Love it! Finally a skatepark in the area with some nice bowls. Can't wait.	SUFFOLK PARK, NSW	BMX rider
Mar 15 21 08:57:12 pm	Hi there, design looks nice. Just looking out for pinch points where it can get crowded and people standing and hovering around in the wrong spots where collisions happen... (an example is the new Sydney park skatepark street section, yikes!) it's good to keep the park flowing with little rollers and small wallies/quarterpipes. I recommend a little quarter pipe on the inside of the small down hubbas, say you do a FS grind on the quarter into the hubba kinda thing, or even just along that wall. Also possibly a Jersey barrier or 2 tucked away in a corner somewhere. something similar to a DIY barrier quick and steep. Maybe 3-4 foot tall. Maybe in the little zone from the street section over to the bowl, you could put a long red curb around it to border the pathway and the grassy area. Old guys love red curbs. Possibly a little extension of vert/walride around 1 meter, by 3 meter long, nothing too big, just enough to carve up and gain for speed or grind the top. Or even a little 2 foot extension on the little half pipe. Steeper and more vert is always bette 😊Also I highly recommend having most of the rails to be roundbars and not square, especially the flat bar .  Thanks for your time, can't wait to skate it! Looks great	BUNDEENA, NSW	Skateboarder
Mar 16 21 07:36:40 am	looks good wish there was a bit more street	BYRON BAY, NSW	Skateboarder
Mar 16 21 09:29:26 am	I think this is a fantastic design ! My son mentioned that there are no stairs to , which I know him and his friends like to skate off of, like a 6 stair raise.	SUFFOLK PARK, NSW	Parent or guardian
Mar 16 21 01:25:31 pm	I think this is a fabulous design and will bring a much-needed haven for our youth. Well done team	SLEEPY HOLLOW, NSW	Byron Chamber Executive Officer

Mar 17 21  
07:56:35 am

Looks good

SUFFOLK  
PARK, NSW

Local resident

Mar 17 21  
11:20:23 am

This new development of the Skatepark and Recreation Precinct will encourage and bring a new true to reconciliation in the Byron Bay community.  
The essence of reconciliation is more than making friends with non-Indigenous people it is about uniting community and all Australians.  
We can all learn as a community to respects the land and the heritage of the traditional owners which are the Arakwal people.  
This Skatepark will provide an understanding and equity for all.  
Many of our young generation do not understand that here in Australia were fortunate enough to have one of the richest and oldest continuing cultures in the world.  
This Skatepark should be something that we all embrace and be proud of as a community because it will bring all Australian together as one. Weather it is meeting in the Arakwal yarning circle or walking around the cultural feature path.  
The Skatpark and Recreation Precinc will be a meeting place for our older and younger generation. This park will bring all community back to enjoying the outdoors, engaging in activities that will improve a healthier life style.

Thanks  
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Mar 17 21 03:16:42 pm	<p>The much-needed Skatepark and recreation area for Byron bay in the Sandhills estate is such a positive and exciting new asset for the Byron Shire community and Arakwal Country.</p> <p>The Skatepark and Recreation area is essential gathering place (for all – the diverse range of families, young and old; to be safe, be active and healthy. All groups can carry out a range of cultural, social and community activities while being in rich natural environment - a sense of home and belonging.</p> <p>Sand hills is such an important special place and has a cultural history regarding the Arakwal People and their Native Title Journey.</p> <p>The Arakwal Elders sisters Lorna Kelly, Yvonne Graham, Linda Vidler and Dulcie Nicholls were visionaries and held extraordinarily strong beliefs in that the area of Sandhills be used for Community – hence the creation of the Byron Bay Library. This meant a place for all community to come and use, to educate and learn and the Arakwal room for BOBBAC Arakwal to meet and discuss Country and its cultural obligations.</p> <p>One of the most common messages from Arakwal people is looking after and respecting Country, Cultural &amp; Heritage Awareness and protection of sites, story pathways, land, waterways, flora and fauna.</p> <p>The Skatepark and Recreation Precinct continues the Arakwal Elders vision of community use, incorporates cultural aspects including pathways design, yarning circle ( traditional space for discussions, learning and reflecting) as well as incorporating natural elements of our environment and cultural landscapes.</p> <p>Also I would like to highlight that the Precinct atmosphere will be similar to the Bundjalung name for Byron bay - ‘Cavanbah’ meaning Meeting place - appropriately reflected in the principle and intended use of this project.</p> <p>Interpretive signage will have the opportunity for sharing of Arakwal / Indigenous stories, cultural history, cultural appreciation and educating community. It is also opportunity for Arakwal people to be involved in work on Country and having sense of pride and culture. This is a opportunity that would greatly benefit the community and enrich the area; as well as support, encourage self-determination and growth for the future – an ideal Arakwal Business enterprise would be pop up café site. This would be a significant opportunity to not only train our upcoming / current generation but share local, traditional, healthy and delicious foods.</p> <p>This design and concept of Skate Park and recreation precinct will further develop relationships, cultural understanding and awareness, reconciliation and connection to our culturally diverse community of Byron Shire - Arakwal Country.</p>		Arakwal community member
Mar 17 21 08:26:42 pm	Please make the deep end of the advanced bowl one size instead of it being an escalation as it is easier to hold grinds and do bigger airs. Or make one side and escalating side and the middle and the other side one side.	BALLINA, NSW	Skateboarder
Mar 18 21 01:26:52 pm	Looks great nice park and street sections concrete looks smooth is turns out like pictures. Really excited for this park	BALLINA, NSW	Scooter
Mar 18 21 02:22:08 pm	Very good. I like most of the master plan	MYOCUM, NSW	Parent or guardian



Mar 19 21 02:14:55 pm	<p>We are so excited about this. My only comment is I don't see a lot of shade. More shade will be highly beneficial. The kids need somewhere to cool down. Also an undercover fingerboard table would be an absolute highlight. I've have sent an email separately about this.</p> <p>Ping pong tables are a waste of money, nobody uses the one at Suffolk Park it is just a table for bags and rubbish.</p>	SUFFOLK PARK, NSW	Skateboarder
Mar 19 21 02:19:53 pm	Th Ping pong table is a total waste, as no one will use it, it should be replaced with something new and exciting like a fingerboard park, this would be an exciting option to offer kids and a huge draw card for the park, as it is so unique and never been done before	SUFFOLK PARK, NSW	Parent or guardian
Mar 20 21 10:36:25 am	Looks awesome can't wait for it	BALLINA, NSW	Scooter
Mar 20 21 08:32:49 pm	Looks great. A bank to ledge would be fun though.	SPRINGFIELD, NSW	Skateboarder
Mar 21 21 08:54:10 am	The design looks very significant. I thought it was more an upgrade of existing skate bowl. This is close to the back of our house and I am worried it will attract anti social elements., particularly at night. I am concerned that we don't recreate some of the old issues that used to exist at the park beside Rails.	BYRON BAY, NSW	Local resident
Mar 21 21 06:44:56 pm	<p>The final design and scale look more appropriate for an urban skate park unless this is aimed at tourists too?. Tourism in Byron is traditionally about the areas natural attractions so I would ask do we need this "theme park " activity ? Does it enhance our brand or will it just compete with the Gold Coast ? Yes , I'm sure the young residents would enjoy it but we do have one at Suffolk Park where there are a larger number of local adolescents living . How about scaling it down to a more small town residential population .. how many children are resident in Byron Bay ?</p> <p>Do rate payers agree that \$ 2.6 million is being spent on an activity for a small number of residents ?</p> <p>WhAt noise mitigating considerations have been incorporated into this design ?</p> <p>Has this project been fully considered in its spatial / noise relationship to other buildings in this area eg The library , Loan Goat Gallery , Sandhills ? .. and what about future developments in this vicinity... there's been talk of a raised boardwalk to view bird life etc Does a noisy skatepark fit into the total plan for this rare green area in the centre of town ? ☐</p>	BYRON BAY, NSW	Interest in Environment and Heritage Committee
Mar 22 21 05:51:45 pm	Important needs for this park, SHADE, Clean drinking filtered water, toilet and seating for carers, parents and family friendly atmosphere. Address the ice dealing/drug taking and overnight van campers in that youth centre area. CCTV cameras for a watch on crime. Bonuses would be Automatic sensor solar lighting, and glow in the dark surfaces		Spectator

Mar 26 21  
01:21:53 am

Convic is dope it's about time byron has a skate park

BANGALOW,  
NSW

Skateboarder

Mar 29 21  
08:55:15 am

It is too close to the Sandhills Daycare. Particularly that of the Grind Rail. The noisest part of the skatepark is next to the youngest members of the daycare.

SUFFOLK  
PARK, NSW

Parent or guardian