



# Media release

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## Nicholson Road skate park's ripper makeover complete

The city will be launching its refurbished Nicholson Road skate park on Saturday 21 September with a free youth event from 11am to 2pm.

There will be heaps of free things to do, including a streetwise skate clinic with Skateboarding Australia from 9am to 11am, barbeque, urban art demonstration and workshop, local youth talent, DJ workshop and skateboarding competitions and demonstrations.

Nova 93.7 will be coming down to support this fantastic local youth event and there will be plenty of prizes and giveaways up for grabs.

Mayor Heather Henderson said the upgrade would provide an improved space for the western suburbs' youth and skateboarding community.

"Youth participation in activities such as skating, rollerblading and scootering is rising in Australia and not outnumbers participation in more traditional sports," Mayor Henderson said.

"The upgraded skate park facility will cater to a more diverse range of ages and abilities and encourage an active lifestyle for youth in Subiaco."

The design concept Convic Skateparks developed is based on extensive community consultation conducted by the University of Western Australia in 2011, which looked at usage patterns of the skate park at Nicholson Road Reserve.

The new skate park will feature a linkage between the two skating bowls, extension of the street run, new skating elements, a china bank and the addition of a refuge area, which will provide for both passive and active users.

The upgrade was made possible with a \$50 000 grant from the Department of Sport and Recreation's Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund Program (CSRFF).

The city would like to thank Nova, Skateboarding Australia, AudioVault Industries and I'm the Boss for their support with the event.

Check out the city's Facebook page for more information [www.facebook.com/cityofsubiaco](http://www.facebook.com/cityofsubiaco)

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**Photo opportunity:** A photo of Mayor Heather Henderson and youth skaters can be organised at the completed Nicholson Road skate park facility from Wednesday 28 August on request.