



## **Project location**

Ford Park, Ocean Drive, Merimbula NSW 2548

## Project is supported by:

- Sapphire Coast Skate Association
- Merimbula Rotary
- Merimbula Sailboard Club
- Sapphire Coast Boardriders
- Merimbula Basketball
- Bega Valley Shire Council Access & Inclusion Advisory committee

## Design overview

The new skatepark should consider site location and context as a priority. The existing function, and uses, on the site will be assessed to see how the skatepark can be located to enhance the overall function.

The new skatepark should have excellent flow between elements and focus on beginner to intermediate skill levels. It should be accessible to all with DDA compliant entrance points, viewing areas, and consider skatepark design elements to promote use and inclusion.

A variety of terrain including elements like quarter pipes, bank ramp, ledge, rails, moguls, kerbs, hips and corners should be designed in a way that promotes fun, creativity, challenge and progression.

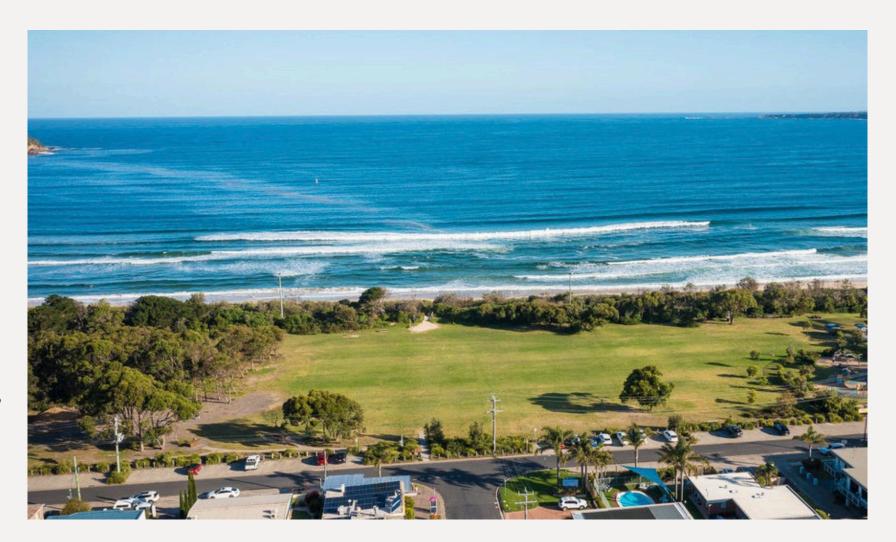
The new skatepark will been designed to work with the existing land form, create clear and open entry points and importantly, provide elements that do not exist in the surrounding skateparks to further enhance the diversity of terrain in the broader

## **Project benefits**

The skatepark, and its location, will create an informal 'active' precinct and sets out a logical site layout to provide opportunities for connections between activities. Families with multiple children, for example, could interact with their young children in the playground and older children on the skatepark or oval.

It will encourage people to be outdoors which can boost their physical and mental health. There are many benefits that can be linked to the skatepark such as:

- · Increased movement and physical activity
- · Ability to develop thoughts, focus, determination and resilience
- Connection to the environment
- A space for social connections
- Building, maintaining, and strengthening community
- · Providing a sense of belonging
- Encouraging both active and passive use



"The SCSA are very excited to see the project starting to make real progress and to be part of the project advisory group recently set up by BVSC staff. We are particularly pleased to now be in a position to allocate funds towards the design phase of the project.

The SCSA raised upwards of \$20k via donation from the local community, businesses, sporting organisations and community groups to pay for the concept design, to now see it being used for its intended purpose is absolutely amazing. "



