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## **SKATE – join us in celebrating the new Broome skatepark**

Broome's new \$1.5million skatepark at the Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre will officially open with a two-day festival featuring pro skaters, entertainment, and interactive coaching for all abilities.

SKATE kicks off at 5:00pm Friday September 30, with an engaging skate experience featuring professionals from Beyond Skate and Freestyle Now on skateboards, scooters and BMX, and local skaters and musicians keeping the crowd entertained throughout.

Thereafter, on Saturday October 1 from 8:00am-6:00pm, the community will have an opportunity to learn from the experts with a series of skate, scooter and BMX clinics designed to develop skills at all levels.

You have the option to bring your own equipment or borrow some on the day and competitions and prize give aways are all part of the festival schedule.

Feedback from the Broome community went into the final skatepark design, with over 200 responses received during the public submission period in 2020 – with about 61 per cent coming from people aged 22 or younger.

Shire of Broome president Harold Tracey said the new skatepark was an invaluable community asset that would be loved by Broome's youth.

"This project has a lot of community buy-in, and it will be great to see the younger community members attend this event," he said.

"As indicated in our recent Community Scorecard results from June 2022, youth services and facilities were highlighted as one of the Shire's key priorities and our new skatepark and launch event facilitates this.

"The Shire has invested heavily into sporting infrastructure in recent years and our amenities locally are now as good as any across regional Western Australia.

"I'd like to say a big thank you to AusSport, Lotterywest and the State Government for their ongoing financial support in this project."

The new Broome Skatepark located on Cable Beach Road East is funded by the Shire of Broome and Lotterywest and designed by award-winning skatepark designers Convic in partnership with local people.

The SKATE Festival is funded by the SportAus Regional Events Fund and the Shire of Broome.

A full program will be revealed soon.

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