

RESIDENTS WITHIN 1KM OF MIRROR PARK

Advantages (Adult Perspective)

Theme	Summary	Direct quotations
Encourages healthy outdoor activities in local area (41 comments)	Most comments received indicated that parents were keen to see their [school aged] children enjoying a healthy outdoor activity with their friends.	<i>"Having available a local venue at which children can actively involve themselves in a sport/pastime that they enjoy is good for their health. As a mother it will mean it is an easy option to get the kids away from the tv!"</i>
		<i>"Anything that encourages children of this generation to get outside and become active instead of sitting in front of a computer can only be seen as a positive one."</i>
Somewhere to go, something to do (32 comments)	Comments indicate that a skate park in the area will provide a positive youth focussed activity as an alternative to potentially destructive or anti-social activities.	<i>"We think it will give kids something to do - a focus which is fun and exercise. It keeps them out of trouble. It's good to have something like a skate park for an age group that may find it hard to find other stuff to do."</i>
		<i>"Gives young people something to do especially boys can burn up some energy. There is hardly anything out here for young people. It's time that our rates go towards that age group."</i>
A safe place (28 comments)	Comments indicate that skate activities are taking place at venues that are unsuitable, unsafe and unsupervised venues.	<i>"The young ones need somewhere like this to be able to practice and have fun in clear view of every one so that they are as safe as we can make it for them"</i>
		<i>"As a parent of kids who skate and use scooters, I think is a super idea and support it fully, It will mean they can practise something they love in the proper place and not the streets and schools."</i>

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Making friends (16 comments)	Comments were phrased with enthusiasm as young people considered what a skate park would mean to them as a place for meeting and making friends.	<i>"If you build a skate park kids can make more friends and it isn't near a road and it would be fun."</i>
		<i>"...it's local so I can skate there. I can see/meet new friends there. It's something to do in my spare time. All my friends and I would love one!"</i>
Close to home (14 comments)	Comments identified that young people are travelling or have to be transported some distance to use skate parks. Access is dependent on adults or public transport.	<i>"...we will get a good use of the skate park because it's a lot closer than any other GOOD skate park. Many people in the area have to drive 45 mins to just go skating at a GOOD skatepark."</i>
		<i>"As we live close to Mirror Park, when we're bored we can ride to the skate park and have [fun]. Instead of our parents driving us, this would be better for the environment and cost less money petrol wise"</i>
Fun and enjoyment (13 comments)	Comments expressed anticipation of fun and good times that would result from a skate park at Mirror Park.	<i>"...kids will learn new tricks every day. It's close to my home. It will be fun"</i>
		<i>"There would be lots of people and I would make lots of new friends. It would be great fun."</i>

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Skate parks attract anti-social behaviour (56 comments)	Most comments predict that anti-social behaviour will not only increase in the area, but is an inevitable outcome of building a skate park.	<i>"...yobbos, vandalism, drugs, smoking, stealing, rock throwing, graffiti, trash, rubbish, antisocial behaviour, assaults, fire, after hours assembly... Incompatible with existing amenity. Malicious damage to surrounding property. Reduces standard"</i>
		<i>"Anti-social behaviour, graffiti, criminal behaviour, gangs of youths hanging around area. Vandalism, drinking, litter."</i>
Skate parks will attract teenagers, undesirable elements, outsiders (47 comments)	Most comments concerning the people who would be attracted to a skate park indicated that community safety and security would be compromised and that local people could be at risk.	<i>"...it is quite unreasonable and discriminatory for local residents to live in fear of retribution from local youths and any facility that promotes the congregation of said teenagers plus those from outside the area is to be deplored"</i>
		<i>"Encouraging the establishment of an alcohol/drug 'unofficial' venue... after dark, resulting in unacceptable and often violent mobs of teenagers... terrorising families in a very peaceful and 'family' based small suburb - not to mention the many retirees who would be traumatised from the local retirement home, barely 500m away etc"</i>
Skate parks are unsightly places. (31 comments)	Most comments concerned the appearance of skate parks as a result of anti-social behaviours.	<i>"...syringes and drug paraphernalia, broken glass, cans and bottles which can be found littering the park and having to be disposed of regularly, not to mention the anti-social graffiti slogans that have to be removed constantly at great expense to ratepayers."</i>
		<i>"it would become a huge eyesore! Even without graffiti, which is inevitable, 'coloured concrete murals' are still an eyesore and look just as bad as graffiti."</i>

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<p>Mirror Park as place to be fearful (8 comments)</p>	<p>Most comments indicated fearfulness of the type of people that would be attracted to the skate park.</p>	<p><i>“...there are going to be some really scary kids of teens there that would tease me or try to harass me. It's happened before so don't please build it.”</i></p> <p><i>“I would find this skate park uncomfortable...because I'd be surrounded by boys age 8-18. I would be extremely scared and won't be able to get the bus anymore. you would be destroying a family park with drugs and drink. me and my friends would not be able to have fun or walk to [the] park because it would be terrifying. young males - 8-18 (approx) not a safe mix of community members in a confined and unmonitored place.”</i></p>

RESIDENTS OUTSIDE 1KM OF MIRROR PARK

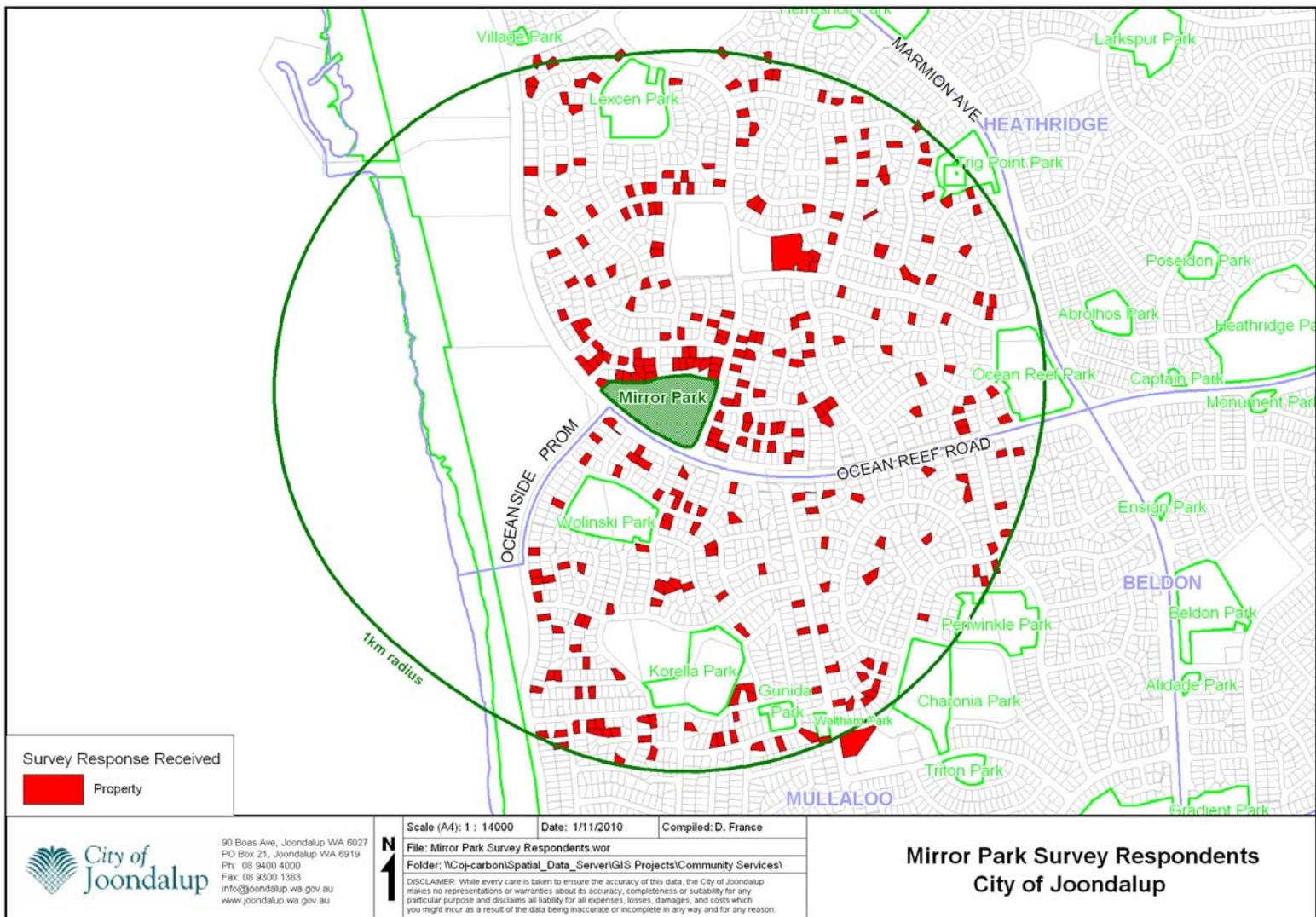
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<p>A safe place/location (15 comments)</p>	<p>Comments indicate that Mirror Park is perceived to be a safer, more accessible venue than some other sites where children/youth currently skate/BMX.</p>	<p><i>"It is easy to see from the road so I would feel safe having my kids there. It would be great for them to have somewhere we can get to without crossing Marmion and that is near enough to Skate or Ride to..."</i></p> <p><i>"...is the ideal location, is near public transport, is safer for the kids as Kinross is behind a shop and i worry about other kids and what they get up to. Providing the kids with a safe place for recreation should come first and Mirror Park is open and everyone can see what the kids are doing."</i></p>
<p>Meeting a need (16 comments)</p>	<p>Comments suggest a lack of facilities for teenagers/children that will encourage healthy outdoor activity in a safe environment.</p>	<p><i>"...it will give somewhere for the teens of close suburbs to hang out and share common interests such as skating,blading and bmx. This will also give the under 18s somewhere to hang out other than loitering at shops. It will get the youth out of the house and doing xercise ...away from computer games and sitting on the couch. This will probably increase the demographic of healthy kids in the surrounding suburbs."</i></p> <p><i>"As a mother of 3 young children (2 sons), another skate venue in the northern suburbs is definitely needed..."</i></p>

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Close to home (27 comments)	Comments identified that young people are travelling some distance to use skate parks and a closer facility would be much in demand.	<p><i>"Kinross and Connolly are too far away. I frequently use skate parks and bmx tracks and it would be great to have one so close by."</i></p> <p><i>"i won't have to wait all day to go to a skate park, and there's 2 bus stops there so it's easy for us to get there ... it will be better than most skate parks way out ages away, and it's just 4-6 minutes away to skate there.:"</i></p>
Meeting a need (27 comments)	Comments indicate that a skate park at Mirror Park would not only meet existing need for an additional skate facility in the area but would also prevent skaters from going to unsafe or otherwise inappropriate venues.	<p><i>"Gives people a suitable place to practice their desired sport where they will not be abused or confronted. Helps the youth do something productive instead of getting into trouble."</i></p> <p><i>Being a local skater in the local area of Ocean Reef/Mullaloo there are little to no places where we can skate without getting moved on or into trouble. I think a skate park at Mirror Park would be a great idea because it will keep skaters off the streets and give us a place to skate freely</i></p>



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