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## **Designs for the Development of a Pump Track for Coonabarabran**

Plans are well underway for the Coonabarabran community to build its first pump track.

“Plans are now on display and Council is calling for submissions on the proposal to redevelop the old basketball courts at Coonabarabran’s oval complex,” said Warrumbungle Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Ambrose Doolan. “The site is located on the western side of the sport and recreation building and adjacent to the tennis courts and with a focus on youth activities and fitness the site will complement the existing skate park in Coonabarabran.”

“A Pump Track is a circular track similar in nature to a BMX bike track with dips and crests and banked turns that will test the fitness of bike riders and scooter riders alike,” Cr Doolan explained.

“The difference a pump track has to a BMX track is that it is designed to maximize the rider’s momentum, so that it can be ridden with minimal pedaling.”

“Other features at the pump track will include a BBQ, concrete path connecting the road to the skate park, a small set of play equipment, seating and a drinking water fountain.”

“This pump park will be an asset to the Coonabarabran community creating a leisure and recreation hub down at Coonabarabran’s oval complex. It will be great to see this new facility being utilised by the local community and travellers, once completed”, said Cr Doolan.

Council’s Coonabarabran Sporting Complex Advisory Committee have reviewed plans and provided advice to Council.

Chairman of the Coonabarabran Sporting Complex Advisory Committee, Kody Brady is pleased with plans for the site. “Council is constantly on the look out for opportunities to install infrastructure that will inspire youth in the town to get outdoors, socialise and keep fit, and the Pump Track will do that. Like the skate park it will be somewhere for young people to ride their bikes and scooters that is fun and challenging,” said Mr Brady.

Council has allocated \$127,000 for the project, \$100,000 of this amount is being sourced from the Australian Government’s Drought Communities Fund extension program.

The plans for the site are currently on display on Council’s website under the Have Your Say Tab. Written comments on the proposal will be received up until 26 February 2021.

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