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## Latest and greatest Recreation Park opens in Mount Compass

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Alexandrina Council's newest recreation park opening will be officially celebrated during a community event on Sunday, 13 October. The Mount Compass Recreation Park was opened to the public last Friday 6 September. The fantastic park was completed on budget and incorporates a state of the art skate park, pumping new BMX track and open play space for families to enjoy.

Due to unfavourable weather conditions, the BMX track will open later this month and is currently fenced off and not for public use. This proved to be no deterrent for visitors, as the skate park drew in big crowds over the weekend, for their first visit to the new recreation space.

The Mount Compass Recreation Park cost \$1.15m and was jointly funded by Alexandrina Council and the State Government's Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure. The external funding contribution was secured with the support of local MP, Member for Finniss, David Basham. It is hoped that the space will also become a stop-off location for commuters travelling from Adelaide to the Fleurieu Peninsula and beyond.

The contractor, LCS Landscapes, have done a fantastic job coordinating and keeping the project delivery on time for the eagerly awaiting Mount Compass community. Having previously worked with Council on the Bristow Smith Reserve Nature Playspace at Goolwa it is no surprise to see what a fabulous skate park and play space the team have produced, in association with Council.

Above the impressive skate park bowl, there is a sheltered spectator viewing area, including picnic table to overlook the spills, thrills and action of the young (and young at heart) using the skate park. The space also has a meandering creek for nature play, and a play area with basket swing, large slide, sandpit and picnic table. Other convenient additions to the park's facilities include a bike station for minor repairs and a filtered water bubbler.

The giant table top may look a little daunting to the novice but the pump track and bike park design caters for beginners and intermediate riders, with the addition of multiple lines for all skill levels to enjoy and enhance their BMX tricks. The track also includes a unique Snake Run feature from a higher access point, connecting into the BMX area. The track designers, The Trail Collective, are highly

regarded and will ensure the finished track surface is to the highest standard to cater for the growing popularity of the sport in South Australia.

Alexandrina Council's Mayor Keith Parkes is thrilled to see the park reach this point and says that it will provide a valuable, multi-use public space for the benefit of current and future generations.

"I am enormously proud to see the Mount Compass Recreation Park completed. I was really impressed with the speed the skate park went from design to 'first ride' and that we were able to incorporate so many elements that our community asked for including the BMX track and meandering connecting pathways," he said.

"The project is a great example of Council investing in community infrastructure. The park fits the Mount Compass location really well and offers families a space to enjoy the great outdoors. I see great potential for tourists to enjoy the park before travelling on to explore our other coastal and river townships such as Port Elliot, Middleton and Goolwa, just to name a few," he said.

Celebrations and an official opening will take place at the Mount Compass Recreation Park on Sunday 13 October with exciting announcements on what's happening at the event to be publicised in the coming weeks.