



MEDIA RELEASE: WEDNESDAY, 20 DECEMBER, 2017

Exciting facelift in progress at Avenel Recreation Reserve

Strathbogie Shire Council's Avenel Recreation Reserve steering committee has a number of exciting projects underway.

Council has recently finished replacing the old cricket nets, which have been rebuilt to the latest specification, providing local cricketers with great practice facilities.

The committee is also in the process of installing a shade sail and seating at Pioneer Park to complement the junior cricket nets.

A second asphalt netball court is also underway alongside the existing court at the Recreation Reserve to provide greater capacity for netball in the town.

The base of the netball court is currently under construction and is expected to be completed in early 2018.

Another exciting project for Avenel is the proposed Skate and Active Space which residents can look forward to seeing take shape in 2018.

The Skate and Active Space is part of the Shire- Wide Skate Park Strategy, a key action in the Council Plan 2017-2021.

Council went out into the community, visited schools and talked to young people to get their feedback on the types of facilities that would interest them.

They have had over 300 responses to date and consultation remains open until the end of January.

You can visit the Youth Page menu on Council's website www.strathbogie.vic.gov.au to complete the survey.

The survey includes consideration of options such as social spaces, climbing walls and water play spaces and feedback will be collated and considered in the design of the space.

Hughes Creek Ward Councillor, Malcolm Little has been heavily involved in the steering committee and said it is great to see so much development going ahead in Avenel that will benefit local residents, particularly the young people living in the region.

"The Avenel Recreation Reserve is an asset utilised by so much of the community and it is great to be able to provide new infrastructure for our residents to enjoy," Cr Little said.

"These developments will further promote community health and wellbeing and see the Recreation Reserve become an even bigger drawcard for the town."

-ENDS-

Media contact: Clare Allen- 5795 0028

Key Spokesperson: Hughes Ward Councillor Malcolm Little- 0407 549 020