

Dear Mayor Sarah Carter and other Councillors at Maribyrnong Council,

West Footscray kids want a skate park please!

Firstly, thanks to Sarah Carter for listening to us at the Suffolk Triangle graduation tree ritual on Thursday 22nd September 2011. We are writing this letter to followup on that conversation. We the undersigned would like to see a skate park built in the West Footscray area and hope that you as Mayor, and as our local Councillor, can help us. Here are some reasons for building a skate park:

This would mean that the City of Maribyrnong has two public skateparks (one is not enough!).

Maribyrnong has 1 (Yarraville)
Hobsons Bay has 4
Moonee Valley has 3
Melbourne has 2
Yarra has 2
Moreland has 1 but plans 3
Wyndham has 3

Why West Footscray?

West Footscray is the geographical heart of Maribyrnong so its right in the middle and is therefore not too far for a lot of kids to get to.

There is not a public skate park on this side of the municipality and there is lots of kids over here, and we're growing in number!

Some of the benefits of skateparks are:

- Health
- Skills
- Fun and friendship

Where in West Footscray?

We recommend Johnson's Reserve, Essex St West Footscray

Why here?

1. Its in a large residential area, close enough for kids to skate there
2. Its on the 216 & 219 bus routes so there is public transport
3. There is a pedestrian crossing nearby (across Essex St)
4. It's a large open park so a skatepark can fit there
5. There is other equipment and facilities there (like two playgrounds, a tennis court, soccer field, area for grass volleyball) so it will attract all ages and groups and be safer
6. Its in an open park that is surrounded by homes, which makes the skate park visible so its pretty safe and open

We would be very happy to be involved in the design and planning of this skate park. Please can you persuade Council to build a cool skate park in West Footscray.

Thankyou from the "Footscrazy kidz" and everybody else (see signatures below),
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