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Skate park closes for redevelopment

Invercargill's skate park will be closed from Monday 17 March to allow a $750,000 redevelopment of the area into a new multi purpose facility.

Invercargill City Council Community Development Manager Mary Napper said that users of the skate park would be looking forward to using the new, multi purpose skate park which could be used by riders of scooters, skateboards and BMX bikes. The redevelopment was expected to be completed by the end of May.

"The existing park and the entire site will be closed during the construction period," she said.

Ms Napper said that the tender had been awarded to Hunter Civil Projects Limited, which had partnered exclusively with Convic to complete the design of the skate park.

Ms Napper said a meeting was held on December 23, 2013 for users and potential users of the new skate park to give them the opportunity to study the final concept plans for the park.

"It was agreed that having Convic as the designers was tremendous for Southland, as they are a well-respected international design company."

The users present at the meeting included those who use skateboards, scooters and BMX bikes and associated adults, Ms Napper said.

"It was unanimously agreed that the plan was excellent, that it met the needs of all users and all skill levels.

"The plans include a drinking fountain, CCTV and lighting."

Ms Napper said there would be a fence along the railway line and Splash Palace would continue to be the closest toilets available to users.

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