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Elles Road Skate Park opens to the public

The new Elles Road Skate Park opened to the public this morning – ahead of schedule and is already receiving praise from users.

Council Community Development Manager Mary Napper thanked the young people who had helped with the redevelopment by involving themselves with the design work, and for their fundraising efforts.

“It’s just so cool to have the skate park open,” Ms Napper said. “We will have an official opening later in the year when the weather is more reliable.”

Work on the redevelopment took about two months and construction finished ahead of the proposed late May/early June target date.

Ms Napper said the work of Hunter Civil Engineering Ltd staff was “fantastic”. “The Hunter Civil staff worked long hours into the night – they’ve been really committed to making it perfect.”

Members of the Skate Park Planning Group were among keen locals who tried the park out last night before this morning’s opening.

“I was down there twice last night and the kids had nothing but praise for the design and the way it worked,” Ms Napper said. “A couple of dads were there too and they were thrilled with it.”

Temporary fences around the park have been removed this morning. However the fence along the railway line is permanent and is one of the new safety features which also include CCTV and floodlighting. The skate park cost $750,000 to build.

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