

## Media Release

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## Work on Camden's new BMX Facility underway

Construction on the new BMX Facility at Kirkham Park, Elderslie is now officially underway.

The \$1.6 million first stage of the project will include the construction of:

- A five-metre start hill;
- Access ramps:
- A main racetrack;

- Floodlighting;
- Timing and scoring system; and
- Landscaping.

Work on the new facility commenced last month. It will cater for Club, State and National BMX events when complete which, weather permitting, will be February 2020.

Macarthur BMX Club President, Fred Furner, said the facility is key to the Macarthur region.

"This world-class facility will really help prepare our riders for more challenging events locally and around the world. It will put the Camden area on the map for BMX riders by attracting high-calibre events and be an attractive training venue for all levels of BMX racing," Mr Furner said.

"But it will also be a fantastic recreational cycling venue for local families and will be perfect for those looking to improve their health and wellbeing.

"On behalf of Macarthur BMX and the wider BMX community, I would like to thank Camden Council for showing faith in the sport of BMX racing. It is an exciting sport which is really growing. This facility ensures the future of the sport locally."

Mayor of Camden, Cr Theresa Fedeli, said the BMX Facility was part of the Kirkham Park Masterplan, adopted by Council in 2018.

"Kirkham Park is an incredible recreational facility and community asset." Cr Fedeli said.

"By implementing this masterplan, this space will only get better. When complete, Kirkham Park will be home to three new sports fields, a new road network and so much more.

"Our community is so excited to see one of Macarthur's biggest sporting hubs created, right here in Camden. It's important we provide our growing community with quality facilities to stay active and healthy and I'm proud to say Kirkham Park will be truly amazing."

The ultimate BMX Facility has future plans to include an eight-metre start hill and recreational pump tracks.

For more information on the work occurring at Kirkham Park, visit camden.nsw.gov.au and search 'Kirkham Park'.

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