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Local riders help design and rebuild Hammy Hill pump track

A revamped pump track designed for BMX and mountain bike riders has opened in Hamilton Hill after a suggestion and some hard work from local enthusiasts.

Atwell resident and local BMX shop owner, Mike Lee, was among the first to ride on the new \$13,000 track at Dixon Park, west of Wally Hagan Basketball Stadium, when the fences came down on 2 June.

Last year, Mike (33) approached the City to see if the rundown 10-year-old bike track next to the stadium could be upgraded to a pump track with the help of local riders.

“I wanted to see if we could have the bike track rebuilt as a pump track by local riders so that they would have a vested interest and help look after it,” Mike said.

Early in 2017, the City’s Parks and Youth Services units liaised with Mike to get a team together to help design and build the track.

Following a presentation and approval of the team’s design by the City’s Parks and Environmental Services Business Unit, local riders took to their shovels during weekends across April and May to help mould the foundations of the pump track.

Using funds from the City’s Hamilton Hill Revitalisation Program, Perth company Three Chilli Trail Designs was contracted to finish the revamp with a final compaction and layer of polymer to help bind and harden the clay surface.



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The track is suited to BMX and mountain bikes and will complement improvements to the recreational node under construction on the north east quadrant of the park.

City of Cockburn Manager of Parks and Environment, Anton Lees, said the successful project was an example of how councils and communities could work together to reach common goals.

“The City is working on various projects to upgrade the park and to hear from community members about what they really want means improvements are meaningful and will be well-used by the community,” Mr Lees said.

“It’s a win for everyone involved.”

Mike said the pump track would be popular with people of all ages, from young kids to older groups.

“Some of the guys who like to ride their BMX and mountain bikes on pump tracks are in their 40s. It’s just a great fun way to stay fit and learn a few tricks on the bike,” he said.

“You can either roll around the whole track or learn a few jumps. We all learn from each other and with just about every kid under 10 having some form of BMX, it’s a great, free outdoor pastime.”

The only other pump track south of the river was recently opened in Baldivis.

According to <https://www.ridemorebikes.com/> a pump track is a continuous loop of “berms” and “rollers” (mounts) designed to be ridden without



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pedalling. The name “pump track” comes from the motion used by the rider’s body as they ride around the track.

Caption: Mike Lee looks on as friend Jake Corless, of East Fremantle, performs a jump on the new Hamilton Hill pump track. **Picture:** **Conor McGrath/City of Cockburn.**

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