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New skate plaza brings fun for all ages to the foreshore

Skateboarders of all ages and abilities will soon have a new space to perfect their ollies, nollies and kick-flips as construction on a new skate plaza next to Federal Park in Glebe begins this June.

The skate plaza will have ledges, banks, kerbs, walls, rails and stairs, as well as a freestanding mini ramp that will offer skaters of all levels a chance to master their tricks and enjoy the outdoors.

The skate plaza is near the soon to be reopened archways in the light rail viaduct and the existing playground, which will be refurbished and expanded with a focus on inclusive play.

Former industrial land between Glebe and Annandale will also be transformed into new open space and parklands. Pathways for pedestrians and cyclists will pass through the restored viaduct arches, linking the new space to the Glebe foreshore.

"We're thrilled to provide this new skate plaza as part of the expanded parklands," Lord Mayor Clover Moore said.

"The project will create about one-and-a-half football fields' worth of new open space on the old Crescent Lands industrial site and restore long-lost views through the heritage viaduct archways to Federal Park.

"This new green space will also link existing parklands on the foreshore to new ones along The Crescent, creating 27.5 hectares of continuous open space."

The new open space will offer expanded picnic and barbecue facilities, large grass areas for casual recreation and junior sport, as well as outdoor exercise equipment.

The skate plaza has been designed by award-winning skate park and youth space designers Convic with JMD Design and is due to be completed in early 2020.

The City of Sydney currently has skate parks in Redfern Park, Waterloo Oval, Ward Park in Surry Hills and a mini ramp in Federal Park.

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