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New Skate Park underway

Renewal works at the Huonville Skate Park begin next Monday (May 30).

Plans for the area include total renovation of the exiting skate surface as well as the addition of several more challenging elements.

Seating, shelter and a street art wall will complete the project, creating an improved and dynamic recreational space for our young people.

The Park will be closed from Monday 30 May. It is anticipated that construction work will take approximately 8-10 weeks - depending on weather.

Design of the new park followed community consultation. The design and build are the work of **CONVIC** who have built more than 600 skate and action sports parks around the world.

Huon Valley Council's Acting Executive Manager for Infrastructure Services, Sue McCarter says CONVIC couldn't have been easier to deal with.

"They have treated us with our small budget with the same professionalism and care as a client with unlimited funds. They have been an absolute dream to work with from our point of view. We cannot speak highly enough of their approach, their professionalism and their desire to produce a 21st Century facility for the youth of the Huon," Sue said.

The current users of the area are pretty stoked about the renewal. 13 year old Bailey likes the design.

"I've had a look at the new design and it looks really good. There's actually only so much you can do with what's here at the moment, and the condition it's in makes it even worse. With a better park, we'll be here more and it will let us improve our skills.



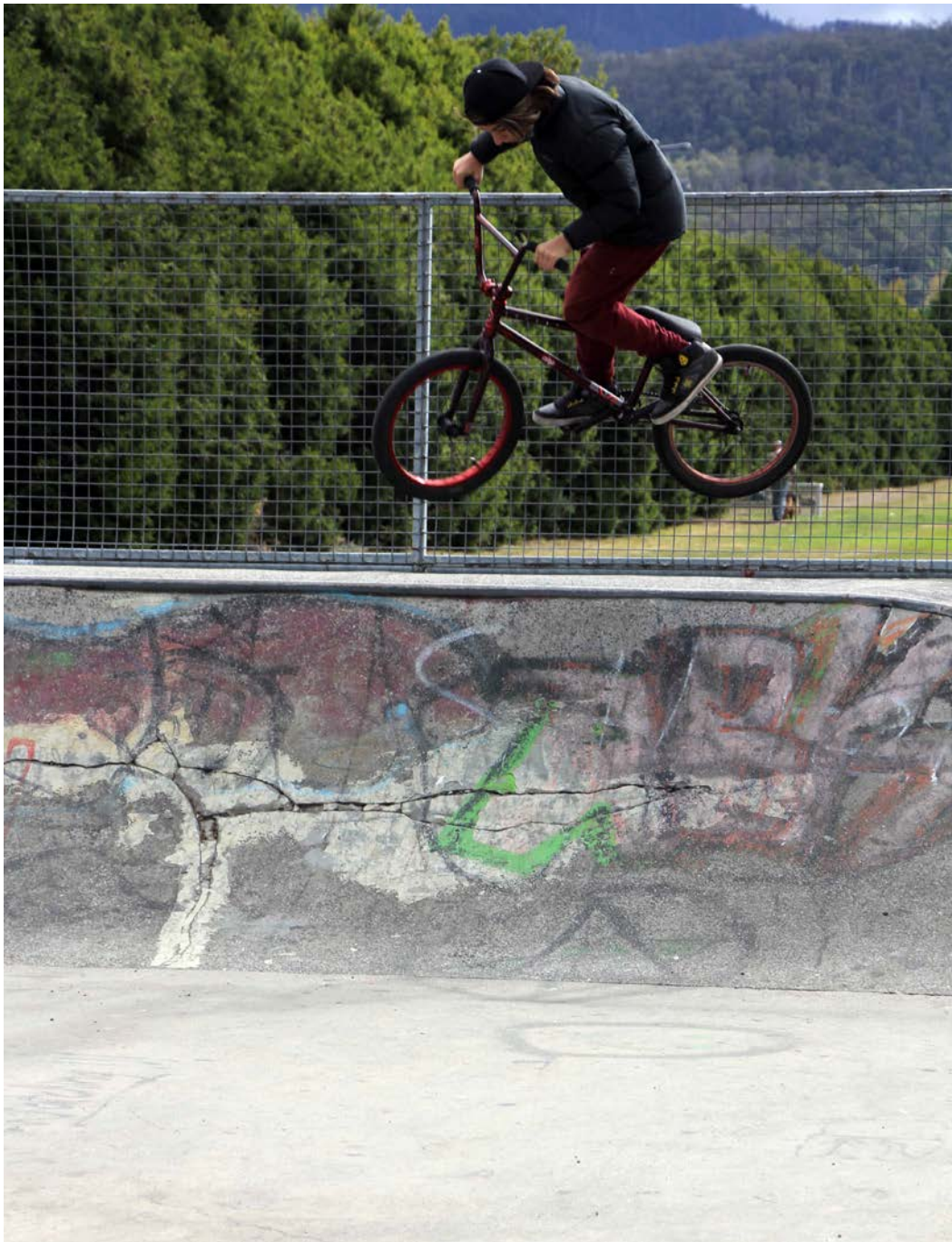
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16 year old Sam reckons he'll be trying out the new park.

"I used to skate a lot, I've had a break and now I'm back. This park is just dead. You can't skate the quarter (pipe) because of the cracks. The new design, with purpose built rails and jumps looks really cool. We'll definitely be trying it out."



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