



Leongatha BMX Track Taking Shape

South Gippsland Shire Council CEO, Tim Tamlin and local contractor Brenton Williams met onsite yesterday to discuss the work that Brenton and local volunteer Nathan Evans have been doing on Leongatha BMX track.

Tim was impressed with the progress the pair have made. “For the last 12 months Nathan has been in discussion with Council over his vision for improvements to the track. We’ve actually been really lucky to have someone as knowledgeable as he is to give advice on how to get the best out of what we’ve got here. Nathan has a long history of involvement in the sport and the construction of BMX tracks, so he’s been invaluable.

“We recently engaged Brenton’s company BJ Earthmoving to work with Nathan to begin reshaping the track and I’m amazed at the difference they’ve made – thanks in large part to a generous donation of material from the Knox family that has helped with reshaping the start mound, some new jumps and the berms.

“Now there is a significant amount of material from the new United petrol station on Anderson Street that will be used in the next stage of the redevelopment. That’s expected to get underway in the next few weeks,” said Tim.

Council’s Recreation Coordinator, Ian Murphy was also at the track. “These works instantly generated lots of interest from within the local community and lots of people reminiscing of fond memories of times spent at the track,” said Ian.

“Due to the dry conditions it will take some time for the track to compact down to a good quality riding surface, but Nathan is committed to continuing to work on the track to provide a top quality facility. In the meantime the track will still provide a much improved opportunity for local riders to get out and experience what BMX is about.

“Since the inclusion of BMX in the Olympics at the 2008 Beijing Games interest and participation in the sport has grown rapidly. Council will continue to work with Nathan to support his dreams of a local club to run coaching and come-and-try days at the track.

“If there is enough local interest this could expand to hosting races and events at the site. This is another fantastic example of the wonderfully work undertaken by many dedicated volunteers to provide sport and recreation opportunities for our community right across South Gippsland.

Nathan can be contacted via [Leongatha BMX Track - Home | Facebook](#) if people want to support his local BMX dreams.

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