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Wynyard's elite-level BMX track ready for official opening

The Wynyard BMX Park can now host elite-level events and training thanks to a \$343,000 upgrade that will be officially opened by Gavin Pearce MP Federal Member for Braddon on November 17.

The newly upgraded track will now be the top facility in the State. The Wynyard BMX Park Inc's vision was for a track that would allow riders to train, then compete on the mainland where there were often much better facilities.

Key features include a five-metre-high start hill that accords with BMX Australia standards, a shelter and a drum starting gate. The track has been realigned and covered with synthetic material and the berms asphalted. Other upgrades include the installation of safety fencing and a storage shed.

Along with funds raised from BMX Park Inc (\$13,000), the Tasmanian Community Fund (almost \$74,000) and the Australian Government (\$200,000), the Waratah-Wynyard Council contributed \$74,000 towards the upgrades.

Waratah-Wynyard Council took ownership of the site in 2012 and has since developed a partnership with Wynyard BMX Park Inc.

"President Matt Ellis has helped realise an incredible project at the BMX Park, which improves facilities for the community as well as providing a training and competition track that is both national and world standard," Waratah-Wynyard Mayor Robby Walsh said.

Waratah-Wynyard mayor Robby Walsh said he was inspired by the hard work of volunteers to restore the BMX facility.

"So many volunteer hours have helped accomplish this project. We're just so pleased to work with people who want to help themselves."

The upgraded track will improve both the safety and quality for riders and better align the provision of BMX at Wynyard BMX park with other BMX tracks in Tasmania and interstate.

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