

Bondi Skate Park Safety Guidelines



photo courtesy of Dean Tirkot

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Bondi Skate Park: Safety Guidelines

Background

Bondi Skate Park began with the construction of two skate ramps at Bondi Park in 1991. These were replaced by the current Skate Park in late 2004 after extensive community consultation. The Skate Park Design Committee agreed to style the shape of the base of the Skate Park Street Course, on the Aboriginal rock engraving of a shark at North Bondi.

The construction of the Skate Park was funded by Waverley Council with grant funding from the NSW Department of Sport & Recreation.

The skate park is located in a highly visible area that is accessible by public transport and has many amenities. The location provides young people with a world class facility in a spectacular beach location without adversely affecting residents or the amenity of other beach users.



Objectives of Bondi Skate Park

1. To provide skate boarders, in-line skaters and BMX riders with a recreational skating facility in a safe location with auxiliary facilities such as bubblers, public telephones & public toilets.
2. To provide a skating facility suitable for both intermediate and advanced level skaters.
3. To provide a skating facility that is:
 - free of charge
 - available without prior booking (except for organised events; see event guidelines)
 - accessible by public transport
 - available for use during daylight hours
 - unsupervised by Council staff
 - conducive to good passive surveillance by other beach users promoting safety.

Conditions of Use

Skate Park users must respect all other users of the park, the general public and park facilities.

Waverley Council takes no responsibility for any accident, injury or property stolen at Bondi Skate Park (lockers are available at Bondi Beach Pavilion).

Skate Park users must respect the Safety Rules & Guidelines below.

Safety Rules & Code of Conduct

Bondi Skate Park is for the use of skate boards, rollerblades and BMX bikes only. Motorised vehicles are not allowed within the Skate Park. No scooters in the Bowl.

Skaters must wear protective equipment whilst using the facility. This includes a helmet and protective clothing such as elbow pads, wrist guards and kneepads.

Children under the age of ten years must be supervised by an accompanying adult.

Use the Skate Park in daylight hours, unless otherwise approved by Waverley Council.

Organised events are not permitted unless approved by Waverley Council.

No glass is allowed in the Skate Park and surrounding surfaces.

Alcohol and other drugs are not to be used in the Skate Park. Skate Park users and spectators must not be under the influence of alcohol and other drugs.

Violent, aggressive or abusive behaviour is not permitted in the Skate Park and should be reported to **Waverley Police (02 9369 9899)** and **Waverley Council Park Rangers (0414 884 393)**. Offenders may be prosecuted.

Please obey signage when the park is closed for cleaning.

Inappropriate behaviour by Skate Park users may result in offenders being banned from using facility.

NO GRAFFITI – graffiti and its removal harms your skating surface.

THIS PARK IS FOR YOU TO ENJOY – look after it and respect other users.



Waverley Council has the right to close the facility at any time.

Risk Management

The Skate Park has been designed in accordance with industry standards. Any future upgrades to the Skate Park will also comply with the most recent safety standards.

Safety signage is placed in Skate Park surrounds.

The facility is covered under Waverley Council's Public Liability Policy.

Skating involves an element of risk. Skaters use the facility at their own risk and are responsible for following the code of conduct.

Maintenance

Bondi Skate Park is maintained by **Parks & Open Space Operations Division**. For maintenance issues contact **Waverley Council Customer Service Centre on (02) 9369 8000**.

The Skate Park is inspected and cleaned on a daily basis (see daily maintenance checklist – appendix A) and maintenance is undertaken as required.

The inspection and cleaning of the Skate Park occurs early in the morning to minimise disruption to park users.

All maintenance work is reported by the Team Leader to the Parks Operations Supervisor and kept on file.

Facilities for rubbish disposal have been provided around the perimeter of the Skate Park. Rubbish from bins will be removed as part of Waverley Council's Waste Management Plan for Bondi Park.

Graffiti

Offensive graffiti will be removed within 24 – 48 hours of being reported by the public or observed by Council maintenance staff.

Graffiti is wiped off whenever possible or removed with a chemical high pressure spray if required.

GRAFFITI DAMAGES THE BOWL'S SURFACE.



Report offensive graffiti to Waverley Council on (02) 9369 8000.

Special Events & Promotions

Event organisers must contact Waverley Council Bondi & Beaches Division on **(02) 8362 3406** for information and relevant application forms.



Appendix A

BONDI SKATE PARK MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

Inspection Date Time

1 STRUCTURE

a **Surface** : Is surface free from debris, holes, cracks, chips and graffiti? Yes No
Comment.....

Action.....
Referred to.....Service Desk no.Date.....

b **Coping** : Is coping secure, free from sharp edges, rust and graffiti? Yes No
Comment.....

Action.....
Referred to.....Service Desk no.Date.....

c **Drainage** : Are drainage pits clear from debris and running freely? Yes No
Comment.....

Action.....
Referred to.....Service Desk no.Date.....

d **Slide rails** : Are slide rails secure, free from sharp edges, rust and graffiti? Yes No
Comment.....

Action.....
Referred to.....Service Desk no.Date.....

2 PATHWAYS & STAIRS

Are paths and stairs free from holes, tripping hazards, graffiti and debris? Yes No
Comment.....

Action.....
Referred to.....Service Desk no.Date.....

3 FENCING

Is fencing secure, free from holes and gaps, sharp edges, damaged rails and graffiti? Yes No
Comment.....

Action.....
Referred to.....Service Desk no.Date.....

4 SIGNAGE

Are all signs secure, legible and from damage and graffiti? Yes No
Total no. of signs Total sighted

Comment.....
Action.....

Referred to.....Service Desk no.Date.....

5 SEATS BINS & BUBBLER

Are seats, bins and bubbler secure, no protruding parts, free from damage and graffiti? Yes No

Comment.....

Action.....

Referred to.....Service Desk no.Date.....

6 TURF AREAS

Have all turf areas been checked for holes and tripping hazards, by walking over turf areas? Yes No

Comment.....

Action.....

Referred to.....Service Desk no.Date.....

7 IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

Have all systems been inspected by turning on and off and checking for leakages, raised parts and tripping hazards? Yes No

Comment.....

Action.....

Referred to.....Service Desk no.Date.....

8 GARDEN BEDS

Have garden beds been checked for hazards, broken branches and rubbish by walking around each bed? Yes No

Comment.....

Action.....

Referred to.....Service Desk no.Date.....

9 INCIDENTS

Were any incidents/injuries reported while completing checklist? Yes No

If Yes:

a Nature of incident / injury

b Was first aid required? Yes No

c Has supervisor been notified? Yes No

d Has checklist been completed for that day? Yes No

Comments on incident/injury

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Signed Date