



Skate Park / Robe Sports and Recreation Association Lease

Since the previous update to Council, Administration has continued discussions with the Robe Sports and Recreation Association regarding the skate park area.

Council undertook mowing of the area as a gesture of goodwill while the Association considered its position. Administration met with the new RSRA President, Nedd Golding, and Secretary, Paul Rains, on 23 September 2026 to discuss the matter.

The discussion was broader than simply excising the skate park area from the existing lease and included:

- RSRA will take the proposed removal of the skate park area from its lease to its next meeting in October for consideration.
- RSRA is also taking the opportunity to consider its broader aspirations for the O'Halloran Street precinct. Member groups will be asked to identify their key priorities or "wish list" items to help inform this work.
- There was discussion about the existing ground lease and whether a different tenure model could provide clearer responsibilities between Council, RSRA and the individual sporting clubs.
- Administration will provide RSRA with examples of alternative tenure arrangements, including the potential use of licences for specified areas.
- Discussion also occurred around ownership of buildings located on Council land. One option raised was whether some buildings could potentially be gifted to RSRA or the relevant sporting clubs, which may allow those organisations to insure their own buildings rather than relying on Council's insurance arrangements. This would require further investigation and Council consideration.
- Insurance responsibilities were discussed more generally, particularly the difficulties that can arise where Council owns the land and/or infrastructure but another organisation occupies, manages or maintains it.
- Questions were also raised about Council representation on RSRA and what role, if any, Council representation should have under a future arrangement.
- RSRA will work through these matters with its member groups and intends to bring a proposal back to Council for consideration.

Former Skate Park Shelter

The shelter destroyed by gale-force winds on 22 July 2025 had not previously been identified on Council's asset register.

Despite this, Council was able to lodge an insurance claim for the structure under its miscellaneous cover. The incident was lodged on 25 July 2025 and the documentation records the structure as Council property, identified as the Skate Park Shelter.

The insurance claim was registered with Local Government Risk Services as PR0048978, with a \$1,000 excess applicable if the claim is accepted.

The claim has not progressed further, no insurance payment has been received and no decision has been made to replace the shelter. Council retains the ability to have the claim reopened and progressed.

Given today's broader discussion with RSRA about land tenure, ownership of buildings and responsibility for insurance, Administration considers it sensible to resolve the intended future arrangements for this part of the precinct before determining whether the shelter should be replaced and the insurance claim progressed.