

## Overport Bike Park

My eldest son has been talking a lot about the dirt jumps that the kids have been making at Overport Park. One day one of his friends told me that the council had demolished some of them. I decided I should go and see what the fuss was about. I went up on a Saturday afternoon to find 8 or so kids with shovels digging and shaping the dirt that had been excavated from the new Cricket Pavillion site into jumps and trails to ride.

The council had not in fact demolished the jumps, they had just re-used some of the soil that they had dumped next door to the site. I was so impressed with the energy and excitement of the kids and the fact that they had found a pile of dirt and evolved it into something where they meet to ride, socialise and create a little community.

I was there for roughly three hours and in that time I had more than a dozen members of the public: dog walkers, parents with small children, afternoon strollers and cricketers, come and talk to me to ask me about what was happening there, and how wonderful it was that all the kids were there creating these trails. I realised that there was a lot of public support for this and decided to contact council to see if we could keep the jumps.

The result is that Council have budget and have engaged The Trail Collective to manage a community consultation on a Bike Park at Overport Park (please see notice below). If you are interested in finding out more or wish to offer your support (or raise concerns!), please go to Facebook and search for **Overport Park Dirtriders Group**. I will be posting periodic updates and members can use the site for anything related to the Bike Park or the existing trails.

# HAVE YOUR SAY

## OVERPORT PARK - BIKE PARK PRE-DESIGN CONSULTATION

We want you to have your say about the OVERPORT PARK - BIKE PARK in FRANKSTON, VICTORIA.

### WHERE & WHEN?

April 4, 5, 6 & 7th 3:30pm - 5:30pm in Overport Park (off Armagh Rd) or visit [thetrailcollective.com.au/haveyoursay](http://thetrailcollective.com.au/haveyoursay) to let us know your feedback.

For all enquiries call Garry at the Frankston City Council on (03) 9768 1550.

