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# Media Release:

## Surface upgrade for Collie BMX riders

Riders at the Collie BMX Club are racing with more traction after a refurbishment to their first turn berm, thanks to a \$3,000 donation from Premier Coal and other local businesses in the region.

The surface was in desperate need of replacing after a long history of pedalling and jumping by local riders with the new berm surface built to BMX racetrack quality and safety standards. After 12 tonnes of material and 24-man hours, the track is ready for race day.

Stephanie Slapp, President of Collie BMX was excited about the upgrade to the track.

“We recognised the need to re-surface that part of the track for the safety and enjoyment of all our riders. We are always looking for ways to enhance the BMX Club for the riders and their friends and family who come to our track. It was a significant job, and we are pleased with the outcome.

“We are thankful to Premier Coal and the other businesses for their financial assistance,” said Stephanie.

Collie BMX is a local not-for-profit club with around 70 members. They race weekly with riders from 3 to 53 years of age offering a fun family environment.

Premier Coal Operations Manager Braedon Gaske was pleased to help with the upgrade.

“We assisted Collie BMX Club recently to purchase new kitchen equipment to help feed the hungry BMX community on race day. Now with a refurbishment to the surface of their track, race day will be even more successful and hopefully attract more riders to the club.

“We are always pleased to support local organisations who have a positive impact on the people in our community,” said Braedon.

The donation was part of the Premier Coal Community Support Program, which is funded by Yancoal and aims to make a positive difference in the local community and to the lives of the people who work and live in Collie.

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