## Media Release - Scoot, skate or ride: Barham locals compete for regional crown

On Sunday 29th March local skaters, BMXers and scooter-riders will have the opportunity to compete for a regional place as part of the Australian Skate Park League series held at Barham Skate Park.

There will also be free skateboarding clinics held the day before on Saturday 28th March from 11am until 4pm.

Held in partnership with YMCA Action Sports, Skate Australia, Murray River Council and CluBarham, locals and out of towners from ages 5 and up, are expected to take part in the event. The scooter, BMX and skateboard competitions are a part of a structured and interconnected Australian Skate Park League series held across the country.

- YMCA Action Sports Specialist Lily Smith said the competition at Barham was a chance for young locals to showcase their talent.
- "There are some amazing up and coming skaters, scooter-riders and BMXers. These competitions give them the spotlight they deserve."

She also said that this program, as well as skateboarding to the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games was changing the face of traditional skateboarding.

"The series presents a great opportunity for young skateboarders to harness their skill and progress through a structured national pathway," she said.

There are more than a 100 Skate Park League events a year, making up the Australian Skate Park League, which is the biggest and most established grass roots skateboard, scoot and BMX series in Australia.

The SA competitions makes up one part of YMCA's national pathway program which are held in skate parks across QLD, VIC, TAS, NT, WA and NSW. As well as showcasing talent the league also creates opportunities for young people to gain experiential practical training in skate park event management.

The Barham round has been brought to life through a partnership between Murray River Council, CluBarham, YMCA SA and Skate Australia.

Other major sponsors of the SA League include Bad Boy Australia, Element, Goliath, Skater Maps, Scooter Hut and Root Industries.

## **Details of Competition:**

Date: Sunday 29th March

## Time: 11:00am – 4:00pm Location: 52 Thule St, Barham NSW 2723

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