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YOUNG people have instigated the possibility of building a riverfront bike park at the back of Sturt Reserve, to cater for local youth with a passion for off road cycling that would complement the existing Murray Bridge Skate Park.

A multi-staged collaborative consultation process will kick off with a workshop to be held at the Sturt Reserve Skate Park on 14 May 2022 between 12:30 and 2:30 pm with the view to engaging local youth, residents, families and the general community in the conceptual design.

The Bike Park project was initiated when the Rural City of Murray Bridge Council was approached by local youth, through the Youth Action Committee, specifically asking for a formalised bike park for non-motorised bike riders at Sturt Reserve.

Mayor Brenton Lewis said the Council is proposing the creation of a family friendly, safe, recreation space for beginners and intermediate bike riders, involving extensive landscaping in an attractive and accessible riverfront location.

"We are always open to hearing from our young people about ways we can work together to improve opportunities for recreation and enjoyment in our communities, and to engage them in healthy activities that enliven our riverfront and open spaces," he said.

"We are listening to our young people and this project is a chance for them to have a real say in shaping the premier riverfront recreation precinct we are building at Sturt Reserve, to give them a voice and ensure we are catering for their needs.

"A bike park specifically for bike riders of all levels and abilities would add variety and depth to the extensive youth facilities we are developing within our region.

"We will also go out for broad consultation once design concepts have been developed to ensure the facilities will meet the needs of its users."

An area bounded by Jaensch Road and Charles Sturt Drive, at Sturt Reserve, has been identified as the ideal location for the bike park, which would fit within the Sturt Reserve Master Plan.

The Council has engaged consultants The Trail Collective to undertake the consultation process prior to developing concept plans. Members of the public are also able to have their say by completing an online survey at: www.thetrailcollective.com.au/haveyoursay

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