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New facilities planned for Darfield Parks

Improvements to Westview Park in Darfield and Darfield Domain are on their way.

Projects totalling \$280,000 for the two parks were recommended by the Darfield Reserve Contribution Allocation Committee and approved by the Council at a meeting last week.

New public toilets at Westview Park are planned to be completed over the next twelve months and the extension of the skate area is planned the following year. The construction of a mini half pipe and wave and a shelter area for parents and bystanders to provide protection from sun and rain forms part of the next stage of works on the skate area. The works will be included in the Council's Long Term Plan for consultation in early 2015.

The historic Homebush Rail Station has just been relocated to Westview Park by the Darfield Township Committee and a section of rail track has also been laid in front of the building. \$15,000 will be spent over the next year to develop panels with information about the history of the Whitecliffs rail line, which ran from Darfield to Whitecliffs, passing through Homebush and four other stations. A restored rail wagon will also be displayed on the tracks.

Cricket nets will be built at Darfield Domain over the next year to provide a practice facility. A new netball court is also planned in 2015/16. The position of the court will require that the playground at the reserve be relocated and a synthetic safety under surface will be laid for the relocated play equipment.

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Image attached: New public toilets and the extension of the skate area at Westview Park are being planned.

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