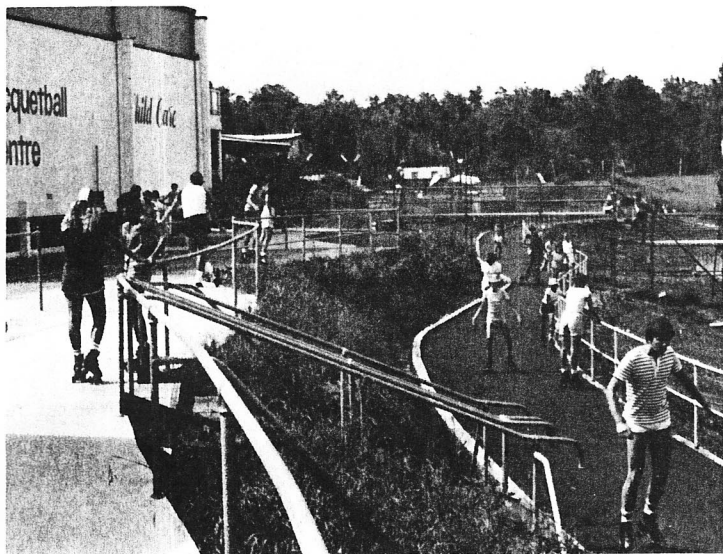


# Roller Skating comes to Centenary



Skate Wilderness at Jindalee Allsports is the first such skating development in Australia.

Consisting of a half kilometre outdoor track which winds along the creek bank, the whole facility is designed to have all the challenges a roller skater could wish for; hills, bends, bridges, a tunnel and for the very brave the skate bowl.

Mr Kent Ruffin of Jindalee Allsports said that the idea had come from his frustration as a teenage ice skater at having to skate round and around an ice rink. He said that a desire to skate the frozen rivers of Northern Europe was the spark which created the idea of Skate Wilderness.

So unique is the idea, that Mr Ruffin, late last year, went to North America hoping to see such a development.

He conceded he saw some great skating bowls but not a skate track such as has been built at Jindalee Allsports.

Those people who pass the Centre each day will vouch for its popularity, as one always sees throngs of people and not all young ones either.

Mr Ruffin again stressed their Skate Wilderness is a natural and integral part of Jindalee Allsports adding yet another family orientated facility.

He commented that to see a family group arrive with skates, tennis and squash rackets and swimming gear, all go their own sporting ways and following up with a swim and pool side barbacue, is the true Allsports concept.

He further commented that the cost of such an adventure would be within the reach of any family budget.

Mr Russel Bright, the manager of Skate Wilderness, and himself a leading Australian cross country roller skater, is delighted with public response. He commented that road skaters had been pleading for such a track for years, and now finally Australia had one at the Allsports centre.

Mr Bright stressed that although a new concept, all the facilities of a conventional rink were available. Skate hire, tuition for young and mature, group bookings, skate parties, school sport sessions and most importantly great supervision by Skate Rangers.

Mr Bright added that a further stage of development is planned for later in the year to further extend the skate bowls and tracks.

And so it is fair to comment that Jindalee Allsports is already recognised as an Australian leader in its field. With the addition of Skate Wilderness, it brings to residents of Brisbane's Western suburbs and particularly the Centenary suburbs a world class recreational facility.

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