Chief Minister Clare Martin will officially open the Humpty Doo Skatepark today to bring down the curtain on the Territory’s National Youth Week celebrations.

Ms Martin said it was a great pleasure to open the Skatepark, which was designed by local skaters and boasts the Territory’s only half-pipe.

Ms Martin said the Skatepark is the culmination of two years’ work from local residents, young people and the Humpty Doo Village Green Management Board.

“It is a great example of how young people can make a positive difference, particularly with the support of the wider community,” Ms Martin said.

Funding for the Skatepark came from:

- Northern Territory Government (Department of Sport and Recreation), $35,000;
- Litchfield Shire Council, $20,000;
- Humpty Doo Village Green Management Board, $20,000 via fundraising; and
- Small Communities Grants Scheme, $38,150.

The opening of the Skatepark coincided with the Rock or Roll Youth Festival at the Village Green, the final event of Youth Week.

Ms Martin said the enthusiasm and creativity of the Top End’s young people were a fitting end to National Youth Week in the Territory.

“It is exciting to see so many young people participating in this last event,” Ms Martin said.

"National Youth Week is an event for young people by young people, a time to celebrate and recognise the achievements of young people and the positive contributions they make to our community."

The Government gave $3000 funding to the Rock Or Roll Rural Youth Festival and provided free buses to and from Casuarina and Palmerston for young people wishing to attend the event.