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From the Editor's Desk

Remember the old saying "rain rain go away and come back some other day"? This has been a very wet winter season so far for the winter sports. Many fields have been closed for days at a time due to higher than normal rainfall. This has led to many clubs losing training nights and some game cancellations. I would like to thank all clubs and associations for their patience and understanding during this as we try to get you back on to the fields as soon as we can.

A reminder to clubs and associations that on wet weather days the sports ground advisory line and sports ground closure web page will be updated at 9.00am and 2.30pm. The phone number is 9952 8244 or go to <http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/sportsgroundstatus>.

In the months after 1 July, I will be setting up some sports development clinics. These will be on topics such as: Running Your Club, Grant Writing for Sports Clubs, Sponsorship, Fundraising and Grants and Child Protection.

As ever a big thanks to all the sports groups who have contributed to this edition of your City of Ryde Sports Newsletter and I hope this inspires other organisations to contribute in future editions.

Andrew Gibbons, Acting Recreation Coordinator

Wonderful Day for Gladesville Ryde Magic

SBS Television visited Magdala Park on Sunday 22 May to film action from our 1st grade game and interview our goal keeper Kiriakos Tohouroglou.

Kiriakos shares his knowledge about playing at the highest level in Greece and playing in the Champions League many times against clubs such as Real Madrid, Manchester United and A S Roma to name just a few.

This was a great day for our club. The under 13's, 14's, 15's, 16's, 18's and 20's players saw players in our 1st grade squad that came through the Gladesville Ryde Magic youth league system to play at this level. They also got to see Kiriakos in action. After starting his career at Gladesville United he then ventured to Europe where he did it all and he has returned to give something back to the club he loves.

Info Submitted from: Gladesville Ryde Magic Website and Peter Chiarello



Off-leash parks

After a six-month trial, City of Ryde residents have indicated general support for the provision of additional areas for exercising their dogs off-leash in our many parks.

General off-leash areas

The following parks will now be formalised as dog off-leash areas:

- Santa Rosa Park, Ryde
- Kotara Park, Marsfield
- North Ryde Common, North Ryde.

Enclosed off-leash areas

The enclosed off-leash area at Blenheim Park will remain in place and over the next few years the off-leash areas at the following parks will also be enclosed:

- Olympic Park, Ryde
- ELS Hall Park, Marsfield
- Denistone Park, Denistone

In the meantime, you may continue to exercise your dogs off-leash in these parks.

Shared off-leash areas

The following parks will be managed as shared sportsground/off-leash areas:

Peel Park, Gladesville

Brush Farm Park, Eastwood

Darvall Park, Denistone

Pidding Park, Ryde

Please note that dogs are not permitted to run off-leash when organised sports are in progress.

Meadowbank Park is an off-leash park from Monday – Friday, 6.00 – 8.00am and 5.00 – 7.00pm only.

On-leash only

The following parks will no longer permit dogs off-leash:

Carara Reserve, West Ryde

Waterloo Park, Marsfield

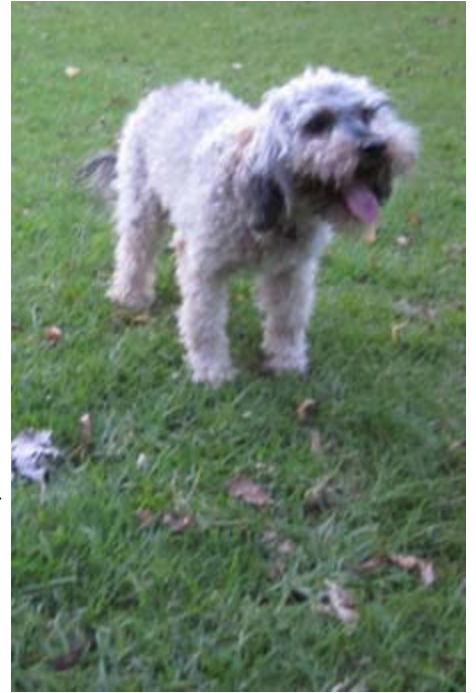
Cudal Reserve, Ryde

Putney Park, Putney

Forrester Park, Eastwood

Fontenoy Park, Macquarie Park

For full information about off-leash parks and results of the trial go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/offleashtrial.



Best Value Review: Allocation and Management of Sportsgrounds

We want to hear from you!

The City of Ryde has ninety five (95) sportsgrounds that provide a variety of sporting opportunities for the community. The demand placed on these facilities is continually increasing and the City of Ryde has engaged @leisure to undertake a Best Value Review (BVR) that will ensure that the provision, allocation and management of sportsgrounds is responsive to the needs of the community.

What is a Best Value Review (BVR)?

Best value provides a framework for the planning, delivery and continuous improvement of local government services. The purpose of this BVR is to:

- analyse the approaches used by the City of Ryde in the management of sportsgrounds on behalf of the local community, comparing these with current industry best practice
- make recommendations to achieve best practice levels

What we want to know..

We want to know your thoughts and ideas on the management of sportsgrounds in the City of Ryde with respect to:

- Fees and charges
- Booking and allocation of sportsgrounds
- Hiring of sportsgrounds
- Wet weather policies
- Council's communication with users
- Management and maintenance of sportsgrounds
- Demand for varying facilities / grounds
- The best definition of seasons – preseason, summer, winter – dates?

Ways to have your say!

You can tell us your ideas relating to Council's allocation and management of sportsgrounds in the City of Ryde

Attending a workshop...

A workshop for sports and recreation clubs and user groups is scheduled for **Monday August 22**.

Check the Ryde Best Value Review website for times and location closer to the date

Head to:

<http://www.leisureplanners.com.au/ryde-sportsgrounds-best-value-review.html>

Visiting the Ryde Best Value Review website...

Go to www.leisureplanners.com.au/ryde-sportsgrounds-best-value-review.html

You will have the option of:

- providing your comments directly to the website
- sending a submission via mail or email
- joining the mailing list

Providing comments via facebook...

Go to: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/leisure-Planners/134243169943534> or search for “@leisure Planners”, like our page, and join in the discussions!

What has been done?

A range of consultation and research has already been undertaken:

- An email has been sent to sports clubs, schools and other sportsgrounds user groups inviting their input into the project
- An online survey was made available and distributed via initial email to user groups (closed Wednesday July 6)
- A state of play report is currently in production outlining the current methods and processes that the City of Ryde use to allocate and book sportsgrounds
- Benchmarking of the City of Ryde's methods and processes against a range of Council's across NSW, VIC and WA to identify 'best practice' is currently being undertaken

Make sure you visit the Ryde Best Value Review Website and have your say!

For further information about the project contact:

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Netball News

Carnival Day

On Sunday 22 May 2011 Eastwood Ryde Netball Association hosted a New South Wales District Netball Carnival at the Meadowbank Park Netball Facilities. The carnival had 100 teams to enter.

Teams came from the following Districts: Orange; Bathurst, Southern Highlands, Wollondilly, Wyong, Queanbeyan, Kiama; Bankstown; Blacktown; Blue Mountains, Baulkham Hills, Campbelltown, City, Eastwood Ryde, Gosford, Hills, Illawarra, Kuring-gai, Liverpool, Maitland, Manly, Mount Drutt, Penrith, Randwick, Sutherland, Shoalhaven. The competition was fierce throughout the day. All teams thoroughly enjoyed the competition and the hospitality shown by Eastwood Ryde the host Association.



Carnival Day

The results for the day were:

Winners for each age group:

17 years – Manly Warringah

15 years – Blacktown

14 years Division 1 – Eastwood Ryde

14 years Division 2 – Eastwood Ryde

Development Team:

13 years Division 1 – Eastwood Ryde

13 years Division 2 – Wyong

12 years Division 1 - Baulkham Hills

12 years Division 2 – Blacktown

11 years Blue – Penrith

11 years Gold – Manly



Info Submitted by: Anne Doring

Net Set Go Program

State Champions!

Eastwood Ryde Netball Association (ERNA) 21/U team were undefeated State Champions!

The team played superbly under very trying and wet conditions over the three days of the Queen's birthday weekend held outdoors at Baulkham Hills Netball Association. This team is an extremely talented team with players who have had outstanding success this year. The team consists of:

Coach - Debbie Hanson

Manager - Charlene Sommerville

Kimberley Ravallion, Amy Sommerville, Sophie Halpin,

Emily Bills, Chelsea Ross, Ellen Stearne,

Jesse Tolomeo, Pheobe Seamer, Mickala Eldridge,

Jessica Raviillion and Lauren Salmon

Info Submitted by: Anne Doring



Net Set Go Program

Netballers selected into National Team!

Eastwood Ryde Netball has two of their outstanding players - Amy Sommerville and Kimberley Ravillion - selected into the 19/U Australian team to play against the Samoan National team in Canberra during June.

Amy and Kimberley were recently selected in the 21/U squad after representing NSW at the 19/U Australian National Championships and they also where named into the Australian Talent Squad.

Info Submitted by: Anne Doring



Net Set Go Program

Eastwood Ryde Netball conducted the Net Set Go Program. This six week program attracted 64 young netballers. It was held at the Brush Farm Park Netball Courts, with Marilyn Latham the coaching coordinator of Eastwood Ryde Netball, representative players and coaches running the six week program.

Info Submitted by: Anne Doring

Heart Foundation

Walking



Take the first step to fun & fitness and find a walking group near you!

The Heart Foundation is taking steps to support Australians to lead active, healthy lives by encouraging them to join or start Heart Foundation Walking groups which are fun, free and a great way to meet new people.

Walking for at least 30 minutes a day provides a range of heart health benefits including maintaining healthy weight, increased fitness and strength, improved self esteem and mental health.

Members receive some great benefits including special offers, regular newsletters, incentives and prizes to help keep walkers motivated.

City of Ryde 'Walking for Fitness'

Location	Walking Group	Walk Details	For Information Contact
Meadowbank	Ryde Pram Walkers	Wednesday 9 am Meadowbank Park Playground (near Adelaide St car park)	City of Ryde Customer Service: 9952 8222
Meadowbank	Ryde Area Wednesday Walking Group	Wednesday 9 am Meadowbank Ferry Wharf, Bowden Street	City of Ryde Customer Service: 9952 8222

All walks are 30 – 60 minutes duration. To locate other groups in NSW or to find out more about the program please contact the Heart Foundation on 1300 362 787.



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Eastwood Croquet Club News

Croquet NSW Tournaments

Some of our members have been participating in tournaments which involve players from all over the State. Patricia Gilchrist and Greg Deakin, having won in the regional section, have been playing in the final of the Beryl Chambers Competition against more than 50 other regional winners from all NSW. Both played very well, battling the wet and windy weather as well as opponents. Pat Gilchrist succeeded in coming second in the tournament, having won every game but one.

Brian Smith is our Club Champion for 2010 and has been invited to play in the Champion of Champions competition at NSW headquarters at Tempe on June 17-20 and we wish him good play.

Our Golf Croquet players have been competing in Divisions 2 and 3 against other local Sydney clubs, Killara, Mosman, Epping and Cheltenham. We are fortunate that many of our newer players have been willing to play in these competitions and are having some success. We have a few more weeks to play and hope that Eastwood will figure in the finals against all NSW regional winners. Last year, Eastwood achieved second place, Maitland coming first, and we are hoping for an improved position this year.



Club Tournaments

In September, we will be holding the Friendship Games, an annual tournament between Eastwood, Epping, Cheltenham and Strathfield. This was first organised by Enid Brown as a way of enabling members to meet other club members and is played over 3 days. Association Croquet is the game played and players are in pairs. Although named the "Friendship Games", there is always keen friendly competition between the clubs. Eastwood won the Games last year and will organise and host the final day and lunch for all members. Enid Brown's daughter, Robin Pash will present the trophy.

Our New Entrance Path

The Club members are delighted with the new sandstone path at the entrance to our Clubhouse. The City of Ryde constructed the path as the old path was dangerous and uneven. We thank the Council for the path and the new garden around it. It is much admired by all.

Social Events

On Wednesday 25 May, our club joined with Epping Croquet Club for a fund-raising event for the Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea. Epping CC always provides a wonderful table of food and we also played croquet skill games and golf croquet. Over \$250 was raised for the charity and we all enjoyed the day.

We had great pleasure in welcoming Councillor Justin Li and the President of the Chinese Senior Citizens, Mr Hugh Lee, to our Club at one of our Social Days. We will be arranging for some of the Chinese Senior Citizens to play Golf Croquet at the Club next month and we hope that this will encourage others to join.

Info submitted by Shirley McLachlan (Secretary ECC)

Ryde Community & Sports Centre opens

Next time you are out at ELS Hall Park, take a look at this new facility.

The Ryde Community and Sport Centre has now open. There will be a grand opening celebration on 13 August. The centre will be run by the YMCA based out of Epping. The facility has 2 full sized basketball courts, 8 badminton courts, 2 volleyball courts, 2 netball courts, 2 futsal courts, a medium sized meeting room and home/away change rooms.

Contact for the new centre is 9878 2223 and admin.rcsc@ymca.org.au.



Filming at Field of Mars

On 8 July Opera Australia came to The Field of Mars. The chorus dressed as farm hands and carrying rifles were hot on the trail of Lenny, who was trying to escape the posse along Buffalo Creek. The well known Australian film director Bruce Beresford ('Breaker Morant' and most recently 'Mao's Last Dance') was behind them with his camera crew filming the chase. It is to be projected full screen at the Opera House as part the opera "Of Mice and Men" which Bruce is directing, and opens this month.



Lights Go Red, Yellow and Green at Blenheim Park

You have the lights turning on for such car racing as The Daytona 400 in NASCAR, The Singapore Grand Prix in Formula 1 and now Ryde has its own night racing The Sydney Radio Control Car Club has the lights on at Blenheim Park. This may not be major international racing, but to the local and regional community it sure is fun!!!!



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For all wet weather enquiries call the City to Ryde's Sportsground Advisory Line 9952 8244
After Hours and Emergency 9952 8222.