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## **COUNCIL ACTION ENSURES NO DISRUPTION TO FUTSAL COMPETITION**

When the lessee of the Ryde Bowling Club (Camperdown Bowling Club) recently went into liquidation Council, as manager of the land, acted immediately to secure the site and ensure that the *Futsal* five-a-side soccer competition which is held there on synthetic turf could continue, uninterrupted, until the end of the season.

This action resulted in no cancellation of games with players having access to the field and toilets.

As an act of goodwill, Council has had ongoing discussions with the *Futsal* operators, with which it has no leasing agreement, to find a way forward through the complex legal situation.

Council has also made urgent representations to our local Member, Minister Dominello and the Minister responsible for Crown Land, Andrew Stoner, for their assistance on the matter.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Ivan Petch, said: "It is unfortunate that this has happened.

"The Council has acted in the best interests of the community to protect the property and also to ensure that players were not disadvantaged.

"Council has acted in good faith and as a result there was no disruption to the competition."

Flyers and posters were distributed to players and parents advising that the competition would continue to the end of the season.

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