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ELS HALL AMENITIES BLOCK UPGRADE KICKS GOAL FOR THE COMMUNITY

After a \$536,000 upgrade, the new-look amenities block at ELS Hall Park, North Ryde, will be officially reopened on Tuesday 19 May at 10.00am by City of Ryde Mayor.

Part of the City of Ryde's ongoing Sports Field Amenities Renewal program, the Council partnered with the Federal Government, AFLNSW/ACT and the North Ryde Dockers Club to upgrade the amenities and change rooms servicing Fields 1 and 3.

Included in the upgrade are:

- 4 new change rooms with shower facilities
- New umpires' change room and shower
- New canteen facility
- Refurbished public toilets
- New decking and entertainment area providing views to the playing fields

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Bill Pickering, said ELS Hall Park is a regionally significant sporting and recreational facility and the upgraded amenities will ensure Australian Rules Football continues to flourish in the area.

"This is a wonderful community asset and I'm delighted to see the Federal and State Governments supporting our local sporting clubs as they are so very important to the fabric of our community."

A number of organisations contributed to the project that has delivered much improved facilities for players, officials, volunteers and the wider community. They are: City of Ryde Council - \$363,000; Federal and State Government Grants - \$93,000 and \$25,000 respectively; AFL NSW ACT - \$45,000; North Ryde Dockers Junior AFL Club - \$10,000.

ELS Hall Park is also home to the Ryde Community Sports Centre and is part of the Shrimptons Creek pedestrian/cycleway. ELS Hall Park provides a range of indoor and outdoor sporting fixtures, floodlit fields, walking tracks and paths, cycle path, playground, picnic shelters, BBQ, public toilets, accessible toilet, dog off-leash.

Photo Opportunity: ELS Hall Park Amenities Building, Kent Road, North Ryde. Tuesday 19 May, 2015. 10.00am. City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Bill Pickering; Member for Bennelong, The Hon John Alexander; Member for Ryde, the Hon Victor Dominello; Representatives of AFL NSW and North Ryde Dockers Junior AFL Club

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