

Tuesday 19 May 2015

## **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, was officially reopened on Tuesday 19 May at 10.15am by City of Ryde Mayor.

Part of the City of Ryde's ongoing Sports Field Amenities Renewal program, the Council partnered with the State and Federal Governments, AFL NSW/ACT and the North Ryde Dockers Club to upgrade the amenities building servicing Fields 1 and 3.

Included in the upgrade are:

- Four 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, Cllr Bill Pickering, said ELS Hall Park is a regionally significant sporting and recreational facility and the upgraded amenities will provide much improved amenities to Australian Rules Football and Cricket users into the future.

"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."

Young Sydney Swans player, Aliir Aliir, also joined the Mayor and other guests at the official opening, with the upgrade signalling a significant investment by the City of Ryde in the next generation of Australian sporting stars.

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.

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