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## **AHOY SHIPMATES! NEW PIRATE-THEMED PLAYGROUND SETS SAIL**

A new, pirate-themed playground has set sail in popular Lynelle Park, Eastwood in time for the Christmas holiday season where imaginations can run wild.

The new playground got some finishing touches from Council crews this week and has already given young adventure seekers plenty of fun and enjoyment with a range of kid-friendly play equipment including a ship-shaped combination unit with slippery dip and a ship's mast climbing structure.

The Lynelle Park \$170,000 upgrade is part of Ryde Council's Play Plan designed to provide safe, imaginative and high quality play spaces to local families.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, who was on hand to hoist the Jolly Roger, said: "This is the twenty-ninth playground that we've updated since I was first elected in 2012. With more and more families moving to Ryde it's great to see so many of our playgrounds being updated.

"Imaginative play helps children develop skills, think creatively, to cooperate and coordinate. Adding inspiring play areas to our playgrounds will benefit children for years to come."

The new playground offers youngsters a choice of play equipment including a colourful ship-shaped combination play unit, a ship mast with look-out, swings, spinner and springer. New loop paths, extensive landscaping and seating are also provided for the enjoyment of parents and families.

Council playground upgrades ensure that play equipment meets current Australian safety standards and offer families a range of play spaces, equipment and activities suitable for all ages, including adventure playgrounds, spaces for passive play and gentle activities for younger children.

Three new playgrounds in Elouera Reserve, Peel Park and ELS Hall Park are set to open in 2018.

### **Lynelle Park, Abuklea Road, (off Balaclava Road), Eastwood/Marsfield**

- Choice of play equipment including a colourful ship-shaped combination play unit, ship mast with lookout, swings, spinner and springer
- New entry and loop path connects play areas
- Sandstone blocks outlining new informal play areas, including kick-about space
- Seating options for family picnic and parental supervision
- New tree planting providing shade and green vistas
- Stage 2 garden plantings and extensions commence 2018.

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