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NEW SITE FOR ORIGAMI HORSE SCULPTURES

A new site for the origami horse sculptures, currently located in West Ryde Plaza, has been confirmed. The sculptures will be re-homed at Riding for the Disabled's Marsfield headquarters.

The Marsfield site was considered the preferred location for the three horse sculptures after Council carried out consultations with stakeholders that included members of the community, the artist who created the sculptures and Riding for the Disabled management.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Bill Pickering, said: "Our principal concern has always been the comfort and amenity of the public and this outcome appears to be positive for all concerned.

"The Culloden Road site ensures that the sculptures are visible to the public and attractively displayed. The sculptures also echo the location's unique relationship between horses and humans."

The sculptures will be removed in June and works to reinstate them in their new home will commence almost immediately. It is anticipated the relocation works will be completed in mid-July.

The artwork relocation clears the way for Council to progress its plans for the embellishment of West Ryde Plaza to create a vibrant multi-purpose space with seating and more shade to provide greater amenity and enjoyment for daily users, as well as the capacity for community events and gatherings.

Initial consultations with local business, residents and shoppers have attracted wide ranging feedback and it is anticipated that the detailed design for the Plaza, responding to this feedback, will be available to the community for review and further comment in September.