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CHRISTIE PARK OPENING TO TAKE PLACE THIS FRIDAY

The City of Ryde will unveil a new state-of-the-art facility this week with the opening of the new allweather synthetic sports fields at Christie Park.

Christie Park is one of the most popular sporting venues in the City of Ryde and will now host home fixtures for local clubs within the area.

The two new sports fields at Christie Park are the first FIFA-accredited synthetic fields in the City of Ryde, and will guarantee consistent playing surfaces 365 days a year.

In addition to the all-weather synthetic sports fields at Christie Park, a new tiered seating section for 500 spectators has also been installed and one metre high perimeter fencing introduced around both fields. Cork has been used as the infill layer to provide cooler playing conditions, while netting can be found at the rear of the field to prevent balls from entering the adjacent Lane Cove National Park.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said the opening of the new facilities at Christie Park was a brilliant outcome for athletes and fans that use the venue.

"The new facilities at Christie Park will revolutionise the sporting infrastructure here in Ryde. As we have seen with ELS Hall, synthetic pitches leads to less sporting fixtures being called off due to adverse weather events and ensures that sport can continue to be played all year round," CIr Laxale said.

"I would encourage everyone to come to Christie Park for the grand opening to see the new facilities first-hand that are now available for local sporting teams to take advantage of."

The official opening of the new facilities at Christie Park will take place at the venue from Midday this Friday (27 April).

A free barbecue will be available for all of those in attendance.

Christie Park is located at 12 Christie Road, Macquarie Park, opposite Macquarie University.

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