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COUNCIL TO UPGRADE TWO PLAYGROUNDS

The City of Ryde will upgrade and refresh playgrounds at Janet Park and Eastwood Park with the assistance of two Federal Government grants provided under the Local Road and Community Infrastructure Program.

One \$100,000 Federal Government grant will allow for a playground upgrade at Janet Park in West Ryde to be brought forward a year.

The project will result in the existing playground at Janet Park being upgraded from a Local to a Neighbourhood level playground.

Once completed, the Janet Park playground will feature modern play equipment such as an all-accessibility birds-nest swing, cyclone spinner, sensory flowers, climbing net, a slide and a seating area. The new features of the playground and layout were based on feedback from the community consultation undertaken late last year.

An additional \$40,000 grant from the Federal Government will allow Council to improve and refresh the Eastwood Park playground. This includes renewing landscape features and soft-fall material to rejuvenate the playground and its surrounds.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said both playground upgrades were part of Council's commitment to continually invest in new and existing playgrounds.

"As the City of Ryde continues to grow, it is essential that we continue to undertake upgrades such as the two announced today so that all children have access to new and modern playgrounds both now and into the future," Cllr Laxale said.

"I would like to thank Member for Bennelong, John Alexander OAM MP, and the Federal Government for supporting these projects and helping ensure they can be delivered in a timely manner.

"The Federal Government grants show how quickly and efficiently councils can deliver stimulus to our economy when needed. Be it parks, playgrounds, or nation building infrastructure like Ryde Central, councils need to remain at the centre of infrastructure delivery throughout the post-COVID economy."

Mr Alexander OAM MP said: "After the year of lockdown we've just had, it is even more important that we have great local playgrounds so our children can get out and play. I'm glad to see the Council putting funds designed to create jobs and amenities to such good use."

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