

Monday 28 June 2021

## COUNCIL TO SWITCH ON SPORTING FIELD LIGHTS DURING LOCKDOWN

The lights at popular sporting fields in the City of Ryde will be switched on during weeknights to help members of the community stay active and adhere to the NSW Government's current stay-at-home orders.

Lights will be in operation between 5pm and 8pm, Monday to Friday at the following fields:

- Eastwood Park Upper, Eastwood
- ELS Hall Park Field 1 and 3, North Ryde
- Marsfield Park Field 1 and 2, Marsfield
- Meadowbank Park Field 9, Meadowbank
- Monash Park, Gladesville
- North Ryde Park, North Ryde
- Ryde Park Field 1, Ryde

In addition, lights will be in operation between 5pm and 8pm Monday to Thursday at the following fields:

- Meadowbank Park Netball Courts, Meadowbank
- Morrison Bay Park Fields 4 and 5, Putney
- Tuckwell Park, Macquarie Park
- Waterloo Park, Marsfield

All members of the public will be able to use the fields for exercise during these times provided they comply with the State Government's stay-at-home orders that are currently in place. The current stay-at-home orders allow for people to leave their home to exercise in groups of no more than 10 people.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said Council's decision to use the lighting available at these sporting fields would provide the community with more options and access to open space, while also reducing the number of people using the parks during daylight hours.

"Council has made this decision to give everyone the chance to safely exercise outdoors, while keeping a safe distance from others," Cllr Laxale said.

"This is an extremely difficult time for everyone, but we need to abide by the stay-at-home orders to ensure we beat this current outbreak of COVID-19. By giving residents more opportunities to exercise we are reducing the chances of community transmission of COVID-19 from occurring."

Council staff will monitor the night-time use. If repeated breaches of the current stay-at-home orders occur Council will consider discontinuing this initiative.

Council Rangers will undertake regular patrols of our parks and NSW Police will be contacted in the event that any public health concerns are identified.

Any member of the public with concerns about breaches of the current stay-at-home orders are advised to call the NSW Police on 1800 333 000.

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