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## **COUNCIL TO REVIVE SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS AND SMALL BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY LOCKDOWN**

The City of Ryde will prepare a report for Council's consideration that will outline possible measures to support local small businesses as well as sporting and community groups that have been adversely impacted by the current Greater Sydney lockdown.

The report will identify and provide information on the financial impact of small business fee waivers and rental relief for Council's commercial tenants on the 2021/22 budget.

In addition, it will provide costings for fee refunds for sporting and community groups that were unable to use grounds and facilities during the current lockdown.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said the report was part of Council's ongoing commitment to provide support to businesses and residents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Since the pandemic began early last year, this Council has helped hundreds of local businesses and community groups navigate their way through the most challenging period they will likely face," Cllr Laxale said.

"This latest lockdown will be yet another setback for many just as it looked like we were on the road to recovery. I can assure every local small business, sporting club or community group that this Council will continue to support you until the end of this pandemic, and will do so in a financially sustainable and responsible way."

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