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COUNCIL PURCHASES PROPERTY TO EXPAND RYDE PARK

The City of Ryde has purchased the property located at 22 Argyle Avenue, Ryde, as part of plans to further expand Ryde Park and enhance its entry and accessibility.

A proposal to make a bid to purchase the property was unanimously supported by Council at an extraordinary meeting on 17 August 2021 with the owners accepting a bid two days later.

The property is located adjacent to the existing entry point to Ryde Park from Argyle Ave. The purchase provides Council with flexibility in how the land is utilised in the future.

The Top Ryde area surrounding Ryde Park has seen a significant increase and density in residential dwellings, which resulted in the Council's recently endorsed Local Strategic Planning Statement 2020 identifying the need to expand and enhance Ryde Park.

In the 2023/24 financial year Council will prepare a masterplan for the park, consulting with the community on how they would like to see the park improved into the future. This will include planning for how all the land owned by Council around Ryde Park will be utilised as the masterplan is implemented. Council endorsement will be sought prior to the masterplan being finalised.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said the land at 22 Argyle Avenue could be incorporated into a bigger and better Ryde Park.

"Our community has consistently told us how important open space is to them. After expanding Blenheim Park, protecting Eastwood Oval and opening a new Kings Park in Denistone East, this Council will expand Ryde Park to ensure it meets the needs of the community both for current and future generations," Clr Laxale said.

"As we develop a new masterplan for Ryde Park, I will be pushing for the property at 22 Argyle Avenue to be used in the interim as affordable housing or crisis accommodation for those in need."

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