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WORK BEGINS ON NEW ROWE STREET EAST CAR PARK

Work has begun on the new shopper car park on Rowe Street East in Eastwood, which will address the parking demand for shoppers in the area and assist the local economy.

The new multi-level car park will provide 146 spaces (including accessible car spaces), entry/exit points via Rowe Street, an additional exit via Rowe Lane, a passenger lift, CCTV security system and an electric vehicle charging station.

Once completed, motorists will be able to park in the car park for two hours free before incurring any charges.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said the new car park will be a game-changer for Eastwood.

"This car park will fix chronic parking shortages and encourage people to shop, eat and meet in Eastwood," Cllr Laxale said.

"Crucially, it will also be a shot in the arm for Eastwood's economy which has been hit hard by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

"Since the COVID-19 pandemic began at the start of this year, the City of Ryde has been determined to invest in key projects that will help the local economy and the new Rowe Street East shopper car park is a prime example of this."

Belmadar Pty Ltd is constructing the new car park after being awarded the tender in August.

As part of this project, Council will also be converting some of the existing unrestricted parking in Ethel Street and May Street to two-hour parking (8.00am-6.00pm Monday to Sunday) between October 2020 to July 2021 to accommodate the short term parking demand for local businesses and residents. Council has also created an additional 32 commuter car spaces on East Parade (south of First Avenue) by formalising the street parking to 90 degrees.

Work is expected to be completed by mid-2021. For more information visit www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/RoweStEast.

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