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## **NEW RYDE COMMUNITY AND SPORTS CENTRE OPEN**

Prior to opening celebrations next month, the new Ryde Community and Sports Centre (RCSC) at ELS Hall Park, North Ryde, opened its doors to the general public today.

The \$6.3 million state-of-the-art indoor stadium was built by the City of Ryde and part funded by a Federal Government grant.

The 2,295m<sup>2</sup> multi-purpose facility includes two indoor sports courts catering for basketball, netball, soccer, badminton and volleyball. In addition the Centre offers flexible community meeting spaces, spectator seating, storerooms, change rooms, toilets, showers, kitchenette and kiosk.

Environmentally sustainable initiatives include louvers for natural ventilation and noise reduction and water holding tank for toilet flushing.

The RCSC will be managed by the YMCA of Sydney, one of the most respected not-for-profit organisations with a history spanning over 165 years.

A community based organisation, the YMCA works with government, non-profit groups and partners to provide programs and services to more than 500,000 Australians every week.

For information on facilities available at the new Ryde Sport and Community Centre and bookings, contact the Centre on [admin.rcsc@ymca.org.au](mailto:admin.rcsc@ymca.org.au) or phone 9878 2223

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### **Photo Opportunity:**

**The Mayor Clr Artin Etmekdjian will join local school kids to kick the first goal at the new Ryde Community and Sports Centre, ELS Hall Park, Kent Road, North Ryde, (near Oval No. 2), Tuesday 5 July 2011, at 3.00pm.**

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