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NEW NATURE INSPIRED PLAYGROUND FOR ELS HALL PARK

A new, nature inspired playground that encourages children to have fun and explore outdoors will be created at ELS Hall Park, near Field No. 1. Work on the playground overlooking the sportsfield will begin in early 2018 and is the latest addition in a series of new and upgraded playgrounds being built by City of Ryde.

Concept design for the playground is the result of extensive community consultation, including special workshops with children, and includes four main play zones. They are:

- Water play
- Toddler area with softfall
- Active zone with climbing and slides
- Relaxed zone with swings.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said: “This will be a unique, purpose-built playground that will appeal to families with children of all ages, including toddlers, letting them explore, interact and connect with the natural environment.

“It is designed to inspire and encourage children to engage in exciting, creative and imaginative outdoor play.”

A unique feature to the playground design is a large sculpture component, which has been integrated into the design. It will feature two metal ‘cubbies’, wrapped in cladding and joined via a net structure. Children will be able to explore and climb through the various layers within the ‘cubbie’.

Construction of the new playground is scheduled to begin in the first half of 2018.