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FUTURE OF KEY RYDE SPORTING VENUES LOOKING A LOT BRIGHTER

The City of Ryde, with the assistance of Football NSW, will undertake extensive upgrades to the lighting infrastructure at two key sporting fields.

Marsfield Park and Gladesville's Monash Park will receive the lighting upgrades as part of Council's ongoing work to create state-of-the-art sporting venues across the community.

Both venues are heavily utilised by local sporting organisations and have become popular facilities for their respective communities.

Marsfield Park is utilised by the Macquarie Dragons Football Club as well as the Central Eastwood Rugby Club, while Monash Park is the home ground for Gladesville Ravens Football Club.

The lighting upgrades at both venues are funded under Council's four year delivery plan at a cost of \$275,000. Both projects were assisted with two separate \$20,000 grants from Football NSW as part of its Let's Light Up Football campaign.

Councillor Roy Maggio put forward a motion in March for the City of Ryde to seek the grants from Football NSW, which received unanimous support from Councillors.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said the lighting upgrades would improve playing and training conditions for all people who use the two venues.

"The City of Ryde is committed to making continual improvements to the infrastructure of our sporting venues. These lighting upgrades will bring both fields up to the minimum Australian Lighting Standards, and will ensure teams can train and compete in safe and secure conditions," Clr Laxale said.

"I would like to thank Football NSW for its funding assistance to help make these lighting upgrades possible and also its continued support to helping improve the sporting landscape in the City of Ryde."

Work on the lighting upgrades at both venues will commence in early 2019.