

## ATTACHMENTS FOR: AGENDA NO. 8/19 WORKS AND COMMUNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

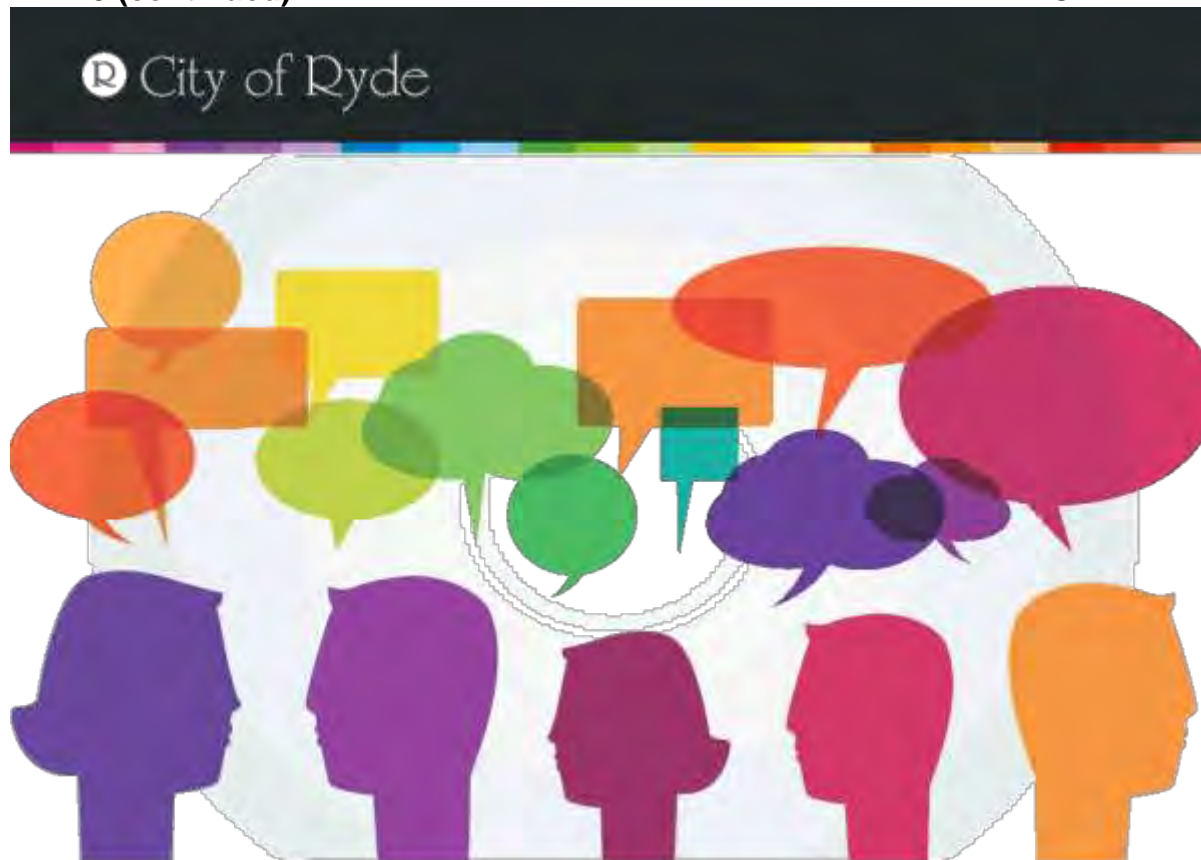
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## **CITY OF RYDE**

### **Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park Masterplan and Meadowbank Park Plan of Management**

#### **Community Stakeholder Engagement Report**

##### **STAGE 1**

Prepared by Flagship Communications for the City of Ryde.

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## Executive summary

Council engaged Flagship Communications, a specialist stakeholder engagement company, to lead the community consultation process for the development of a Masterplan for Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park and a Plan of Management for Meadowbank Park, Meadowbank.

From 15 October to 4 November 2018, a stakeholder engagement period was open for stakeholders to provide their feedback on the existing precinct and what their thoughts were for the future of the sites.

The engagement period was promoted through Council's dedicated Have Your Say page, email, social media, DL flyers to targeted stakeholders and residents, and posters in the parks.

Stakeholders had many opportunities to provide their feedback including an online survey, stakeholder interviews, intercept surveys and drop-in sessions.

A dedicated phone number and Council's email address were also promoted as methods for stakeholders to provide input to the project.

Council received significant feedback from over 750 stakeholders including local residents, park users and relevant council staff.

Engagement interaction included approximately 90 one-on-one interactions at drop-in sessions with over 290 comments provided by participants; 12 intercept surveys of precinct users; 700 online surveys completed; one feedback interview through the 1300 phone number; and 16 staff members and stakeholder groups interviewed. These interactions resulted in over 4,700 individual comments about the parks.

In addition, the following reports were also reviewed to add further context to this engagement process:

- Stage 2 Community Engagement Summary Meadowbank Park Concept Design - Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space, Convic Sept 2017
- Meadowbank Park Sportsfield Lighting - Community Consultation Report, City of Ryde, April 2017
- Community Engagement results from the Generic Plan of Management Stage 1 Community Consultation

The parks are very complex and diverse in both their physical attributes and their usage and this was reflected strongly in the feedback received throughout the engagement process. The feedback was collated into key themes which were identified during the stakeholder engagement process. These themes included:

- Thoughts on the site
- Getting to the site
- Parking and traffic
- Sports requirements
- Passive recreation
- Amenities and clubrooms
- Seating
- Picnic and BBQ facilities
- Shade
- Landscaping and habitat
- Lighting
- Fields
- RiverWalk
- Paths and cycling facilities
- Sustainability
- Mosquitoes
- Exercise equipment
- Cafe
- Dogs
- Fencing
- Drainage and stormwater
- Signage
- Water play
- Playgrounds
- Security and safety
- Heritage
- Skate park
- Park size
- Events
- Drinking water
- Maintenance
- Memorial
- Identity

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## Background

City of Ryde delivers a wide range of sport and recreation services to both its 117,000 residents and visitors who work or play within the local government area. These services are provided through a network of regional, district, neighbourhood and local open space, parklands, sportgrounds and indoor and outdoor facilities.

Council is currently developing a Masterplan for Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park and a Plan of Management for Meadowbank Park, Meadowbank. The purpose of the project is for Council to better understand the current and likely future sporting, recreational and leisure needs of the Ryde community and to develop a masterplan and plan of management for the parks and reserves as indicated above.

The Masterplan and Plan of Management will include the effective future provision, conservation, planning and development of facilities and services within the parks indicated.

Flagship Communications, a specialist stakeholder engagement company has been engaged to lead the community consultation processes for the development of the Masterplan and Plan of Management.

### Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park



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### Consultation objectives

The overall goal of our team during the consultation phases of the project will be to:

- work with stakeholders to ensure they are informed and engaged, potential issues are identified and effective two-way communication is developed and maintained throughout the project.

The objectives of the engagement process are to:

- create stakeholder awareness of the parks Masterplan and Plan of Management and the associated consultation process;
- encourage stakeholder participation in the consultation process;
- establish and maintain effective two-way communication between the project team, City of Ryde Council and stakeholders;
- ensure stakeholder issues are identified and recorded;
- ensure appropriate consultation tools and activities are used, taking into account demographic elements such as language, literacy, disability and access to the internet;
- provide timely feedback to the stakeholders about engagement outcomes; and
- ensure opportunities are identified and recorded.



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## Engagement timeline

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# Engagement approach

## Principles

The engagement approach used for this project supports City of Ryde's strategic aim for community engagement that fosters:

**Meaningful engagement opportunities whereby community feedback is sought and considered as part of the decision making process.**

The engagement principles below were adhered to throughout the engagement process.

<b>Be informative</b> provide clear and accurate information in a timely manner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Ryde is seeking feedback to inform the future development of Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park.</li> <li>City of Ryde has appointed Flagship Communications to deliver a community engagement program.</li> </ul>
<b>Be collaborative</b> ensure all views are recorded and acknowledged	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Different users use the parks differently. We want to understand what would help the community enjoy the site even more, now and 20 years from now.</li> <li>It's unlikely that all current and future users of the site will agree on priorities for the parks. Understanding the range of community priorities and expectations will help us prioritise and plan for the future of the parks.</li> </ul>
<b>Be sensitive</b> understand the needs of the local community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The current parks may not meet your needs for recreation and play. How can we improve on what we already offer on this site?</li> <li>Are there facilities you'd expect to be able to use at these parks that you can't?</li> <li>What do you value about the existing parks?</li> </ul>
<b>Be flexible</b> respond to community needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Getting to a Community Information Drop-In session might be difficult for you. To help you to be involved by learning more about the project and providing your feedback, you can find out more via phone, online or email.</li> </ul>
<b>Establish realistic expectations</b> manage stakeholders' expectations so they are clear about what influence they have in the decision making process and how their input has been considered or addressed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By 'Masterplan' we mean the visual renditions of community feedback which shows the relationship of all the physical components with each other within the parks and how the parks are placed in regards to neighbouring sites.</li> <li>The Masterplan will provide a 20 year plan for the site – this means that the parks will continue to evolve during this time.</li> <li>The Plan of Management will provide strategies that guide the future use and management of Meadowbank Park.</li> <li>There are constraints on what City of Ryde can do with the parks. The Masterplan and Plan of Management will be developed in accordance with Council's existing policies and plans.</li> </ul>

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## Engagement methods

### Stakeholder identification by group and engagement level

The following engagement techniques and tools were recommended for the project

Engagement method	Targeted Group	Comments	Considerations
<b>Stakeholder Engagement Plan</b>	Project team	CSEP outlining approaches, stakeholders, engagement tools and techniques.	Communication items developed in accordance with CSEP.
<b>Stakeholder Engagement Report</b>	Project team Elected Council Council staff	Report containing information on the methodology and result of the engagement processes and how the information will be used to inform the strategic plan, Masterplan and Plan of Management development	
<b>Stakeholder database</b>	Project team	Stakeholders involved in the consultation were encouraged to provide contact details so they can be added to the project stakeholder database and receive additional information.	Privacy considerations: be clear with stakeholders as to how the collected information will be used.
<b>Briefings</b>	Project team	Briefings were held to ensure Council's key project team were informed and kept up to date on the engagement process.	Can assist with anticipating future issues and constraints.
<b>Stakeholder drop-in sessions</b>	All	Three casual drop in sessions at varying times of the day (evening and day) allowed stakeholders to have one-on-one time with the project team to provide their thoughts and ideas.	This was combined with intercept surveys in a highly visible space at the site to attract more participants
<b>Promotional materials</b>	All	A DL flyer, poster, park signage, newspaper advertisement, eNewsletters, letter template, email and social media posts provided opportunities to promote the project and engagement opportunities for all stakeholders.	
<b>Stakeholder interviews</b>	All	Interviews were completed with sports clubs, leaseholders, community organisations, Council staff and other facility users via a phone call or via the drop-in sessions.	
<b>Have Your Say website</b>	All	Dedicated website for engagement with a wide range of stakeholders. The site included context for the project with background information, images of the existing site, survey, details of engagement events and reference to a dedicated 1300 phone number and email address for any enquiries or feedback.	Allows for provision of information and stakeholder feedback via surveys or an online submission form.

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Engagement Activity	Stakeholder Group	Details	Responsibility
<b>Information line and email</b>	All	A dedicated 1300 phone number was provided exclusive to the project. The number was operational between 9am - 5pm weekdays with a message bank for out of hours calls. The Council's main email address was used for the purpose of this project.	Council was responsible for providing Flagship Communications with any feedback provided relevant to the project via email.
<b>Social media</b>	All	Project promotion and key messaging through Council's social media pages and through third party sites at the discretion of Council.	Council was responsible for updating Council social media pages where appropriate.
<b>Survey</b>	All	A survey enabled the project team to get standardised information from all participating stakeholder groups. The survey was promoted on Council's Have your Say page, used at stakeholder interviews and drop-in sessions.	

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## Engagement results

### Project promotion

A range of methods were used to promote the engagement period and the opportunities for engagement available to stakeholders (see appendix A and B). This included:

Method	Implementation	Outcome
<b>DL flyer</b>	Delivered to residents within a 500m radius of the precinct.	Flyers delivered to residents within a 500m radius of the parks
<b>Park signage</b>	Park signage was displayed within the parks.	13 A2 signs were displayed within both parks at various locations
<b>eNewsletter</b>	The eNewsletter was delivered to stakeholders of the site.	98 eNewsletters distributed 65 eNewsletters were opened
<b>Facebook</b>	A Facebook message was posted on Council's Facebook page.	Reach of 4,206 Facebook users 187 reactions, comments or shares
<b>Have Your Say</b>	Dedicated web page with information about the project and online survey.	247 page views 244 unique visits
<b>Twitter</b>	A Facebook message was posted on Council's Facebook page.	252 impressions 2 engagements
<b>Smarter Cleaner Greener eNewsletter article</b>	Smarter Cleaner Greener eNewsletter was delivered to readership.	3,194 eNewsletters distributed 1,199 eNewsletters were opened 19 clicks
<b>City News eNewsletter</b>	City News eNewsletter was delivered to readership.	2,215 eNewsletters distributed 11 clicks



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## Project engagement

A range of methods were used to engage with stakeholders during the engagement period. These included:

Method	Stakeholders	Engagement
<b>Drop-in sessions</b>	Three drop-in sessions were held at various times and days throughout the engagement period.	Approximately 90 one-on-one interactions 290 comments provided by participants
<b>Intercept surveys</b>	Intercept surveys were undertaken around the times of the drop-in centres which coincided with peak usage times of the site.	12 surveys completed
<b>Online survey</b>	Online survey was open to all stakeholders throughout the entire engagement period.	700 surveys completed 75% completion rate of surveys
<b>Stakeholder interviews</b>	Key Council staff members and external stakeholder groups were contacted by telephone or email for feedback.	6 staff provided input either via a telephone interview or via email submission. 10 stakeholder groups responded

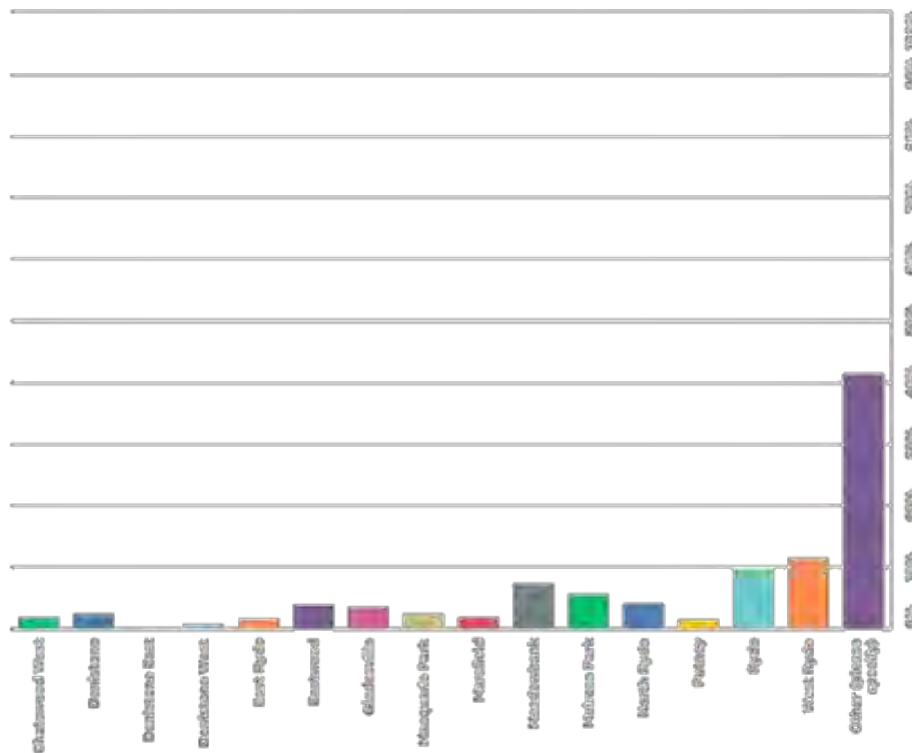


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**Respondents of online survey**

The online survey participants came from a large area of Sydney with 58% of respondents from within the Ryde LGA. This is most likely due to the regional nature of the park which attracts sporting teams and user groups from a greater area. The survey was completed by predominantly females aged 35-54.



Number of online respondents per suburb.

Suburbs within the "Other" category included: North Sydney, Toongabbie, Cowan, Concord, Crows Nest, Lane Cove North, Hornsby, Thornleigh, West Pennant Hills, Acacia Gardens, Epping, North Epping, Croydon Park, Granville, Ermington, North Rocks, Guildford, Rydalmere, Greystanes, Manly, Turramurra, Dural, Norwest, Mays Hill, Baulkham Hills, Berwara Heights, Carlingford, Homebush, Oatlands, Kellyville, Wahroonga, Cheltenham, Prospect, West Pymble, Bescroft, Cherrybrook, Rodd Point, Mosman, Seven Hills, Kings Langley, Castlecrag, The Ponds, Bilgoa, Kirribilli, Killarney Heights, Pemulwuy and Artarmon.

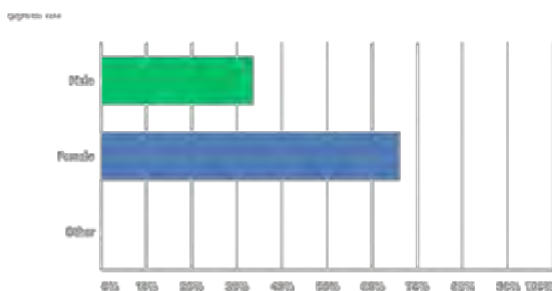
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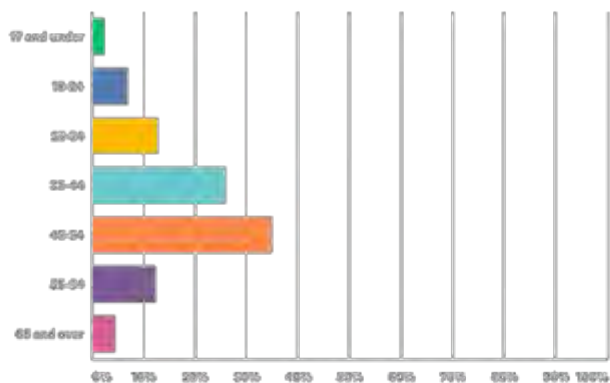


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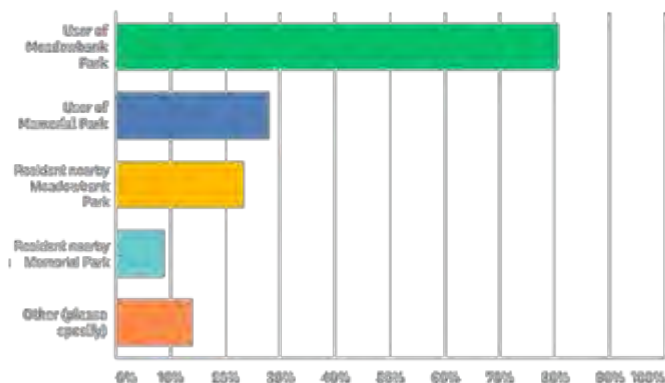
Gender breakdown of online respondents



Age breakdown of online respondents



Respondent relationship to the parks

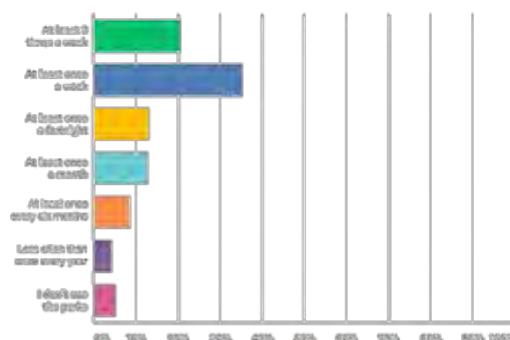


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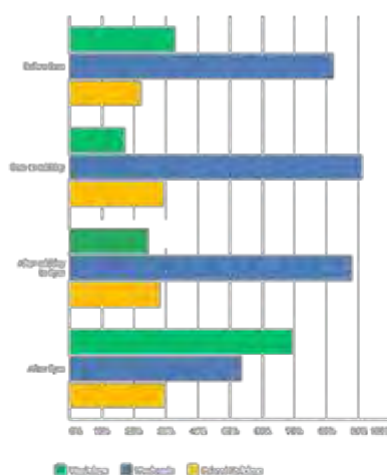
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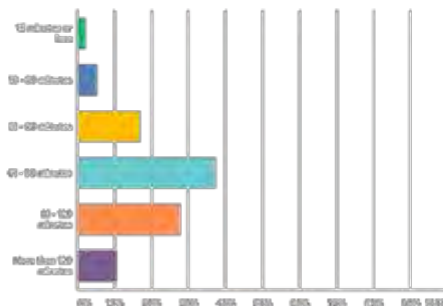
**Amount of times a respondent typically visits the parks**



**Time of day the respondent typically visits the site**



**Typical duration of visit to the parks**



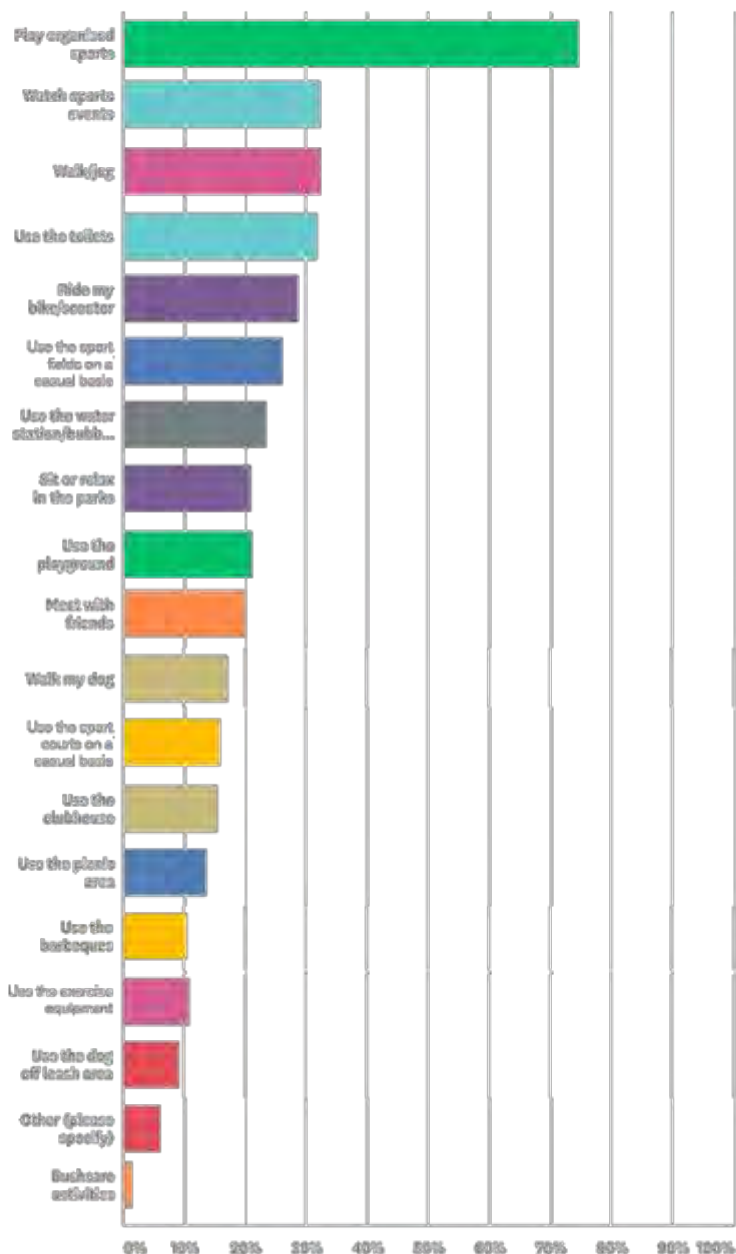
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Respondents of online survey continued

Typical activity undertaken by the respondent at the parks.



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## Response themes

The following themes were identified with the aggregation of all the data collected from the online surveys, intercept surveys, stakeholder interviews, telephone and email submissions and drop-in sessions. Of the 700 online respondents, 330 of them were hockey players. To ensure a representative view from usergroups, comments related to hockey are listed separately below.

### Getting to the site

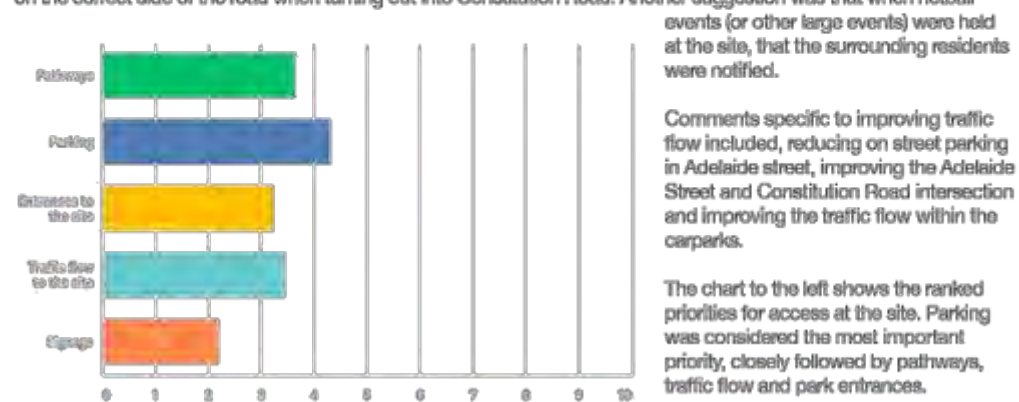
The preferred method of getting to the site is by driving a car (83%) with walking (29%) and cycling (17%) a distant second and third.

Most respondents who drove their car to the parks stated that there was nothing that would encourage them to use an alternate form of transport. Some cited that they lived too far away, they had too much equipment to carry, there was not enough time to take an alternate form of transport or their children were too young to walk. For those who would consider an alternate form of transport, improved public transport to the site, improved and safer paths surrounding the sites, bike facilities or reduced equipment to carry were likely to be the main opportunities for change.

Respondents of the online survey are generally satisfied with the parking and traffic flow to the site, however there were over 150 comments where respondents would like to see an improvement to traffic flow and parking on the site.

	NOT AT ALL SATISFIED	NOT VERY SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	NOT APPLICABLE/UNSURE	TOTAL
Entrances to the site	2.39% 14	10.30% 60	23.42% 137	42.38% 253	16.79% 98	3.70% 22	585
Parking	0.60% 3	10.30% 60	27.33% 161	34.82% 199	7.81% 46	7.30% 43	559
Traffic flow to the site	10.47% 62	19.08% 113	28.04% 168	30.67% 178	6.78% 40	5.87% 35	592

Specific suggestions for improvement included; providing better or more parking across the site; providing active traffic management, at sites such as Adelaide Street, in peak periods (specifically when there are netball competitions where high volumes of traffic are generated); and putting double lines in the access road near the tennis courts to keep cars on the correct side of the road when turning out into Constitution Road. Another suggestion was that when netball events (or other large events) were held at the site, that the surrounding residents were notified.



Comments specific to improving traffic flow included, reducing on street parking in Adelaide street, improving the Adelaide Street and Constitution Road intersection and improving the traffic flow within the carparks.

The chart to the left shows the ranked priorities for access at the site. Parking was considered the most important priority, closely followed by pathways, traffic flow and park entrances.



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## What was liked about the parks

There were a range of features about the parks that respondents enjoyed the most.

### Meadowbank Park:

At Meadowbank Park, the most liked feature of the park was the scale of the site (over 160 comments). Many just enjoyed having such a vast open space of green parkland where they could recreate (either passively or actively) and enjoy the company of others. Second to this feature was the opportunity to play hockey at the site - however this should be taken into the context of having 330 hockey players (out of 700 responders) respond to the online survey. However, the ability to play sports in general at the site was also seen as a key feature by respondents - this included the range of sports available. Passive recreation was also rated highly by respondents with many enjoying the park for walks, social gatherings, running, cycling, walking their dogs or just enjoying the scenery. Closely tied to this was the enjoyment of the social value of the park - whether this was actively joining in a social activity or by just watching and listening to others at the park enjoying social activities. The RiverWalk and proximity to the water was another key feature that many respondents enjoyed.

### Memorial Park:

At Memorial Park, the most liked feature was the quiet and serene atmosphere and the views. The large trees and bushland setting was enjoyed by many users, complemented by the picnic and BBQ facilities within the park. The playground was also highly regarded as well as the memorial path running through the site. Many of the respondents to the survey had not visited the site - or even knew of its existence - so could not provide comment.



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**How satisfied are you with the park use**

In general, respondents to the survey were satisfied or very satisfied with the availability of organised sports and passive and active recreation opportunities.

	NOT AT ALL SATISFIED	NOT VERY SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	TOTAL
Availability of organised sporting opportunities at these parks	0.38% 2	2.44% 13	17.82% 95	46.78% 250	30.58% 163	503
Availability of passive and active recreation opportunities at these parks	0.74% 4	5.03% 27	18.44% 99	53.45% 287	22.35% 120	507
Layout of site	0.53% 3	8.65% 49	27.84% 157	46.63% 253	16.31% 82	504

However there was a strong response from the hockey players for more hockey fields. The hockey players showed a strong connection to and identity with the grounds, especially in regards to the longevity of the game at the site and the recognition of the naming of the fields in honour of prominent female players. In addition there was recognition of an increase in popularity of other sports at the site with requests for more cricket training areas, basketball facilities and increased opportunity for more soccer. There were comments that some local soccer teams had been relocated because of the popularity of the fields at Meadowbank Park.

There were no significant comments regarding the site layout - most comments were in regards to retaining or adding to existing fields and facilities, not necessarily the location or layout of them.

There were many requests for better consideration of passive recreation uses at the site. This included, providing dedicated spaces for unstructured play, improving the walking and cycling paths, provision of more seats throughout the parks and ensuring that casual sports use is not pushed out for organised sports.



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### How satisfied are you with the facilities

Respondents in all areas of the engagement process were generally satisfied with the facilities at both Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park.

#### Sportsfields and sports courts:

In general there is a high level of satisfaction for the existing sportsfields and sports courts. There were no requests for sports fields or sports courts at Memorial Park.

	NOT AT ALL SATISFIED	NOT VERY SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	TOTAL
Sports fields	0.54% 3	8.44% 47	28.01% 156	43.99% 243	19.05% 106	355
Sports courts	1.26% 5	2.46% 10	21.33% 86	51.24% 206	19.65% 78	402

#### Synthetic fields:

There was strong support for synthetic fields for hockey, designed to also accommodate soccer. Many respondents mentioned that soccer can be played on a synthetic hockey field but not vice versa, and that this should be taken into consideration for any future synthetic field at the site. There were concerns from some sporting groups regarding the impact a change to synthetic courts would have on hire costs and the fall out of passing any costs onto the players. In addition, interviews with the women's football association had raised the issue of increased injuries sustained on synthetic fields and the cricket association mentioned that play on synthetic fields may impact their heat policy which restricts play on hot surfaces.

#### Turf fields:

Generally, the fields are considered to be in satisfactory to good condition. Those fields which have previously been raised are considered the better condition fields at the site. Fields 7 and 8 are considered a great improvement. There were some requests to have the grounds flattened to remove any undulations and reduce injury risk and to improve the turf maintenance, especially on Fields 2 and 3.

The hockey players would like to see their current grounds retained or upgraded with either turf or synthetic surfaces. Soccer clubs would like the cricket pitch to be relocated from the centre of their playing field which they consider may cause injury risk. Also there is a request that their U10 and U11 soccer fields are marked bigger.

There were requests to also create a stand-alone cricket ground with a turf wicket and fencing. The cricket clubs and association and online survey respondents also requested a need for increased cricket nets. The existing three nets are highly patronised by both casual users and pre-booked times with the clubs. There is a need for an additional three nets (which do not need to be located near the existing nets). There were also many requests that the nets have lighting and power to allow for the use of a bowling machine and night practice.

#### Sports courts:

There was support to keep the netball courts - not just from netball players, but also from casual users who value the flat surface for other activities such as teaching children how to ride a bike. There were requests to resurface or relocate the netball courts with recognition of the site sitting on top of a former landfill site. There were many comments about the impact the netball games have on the parking and traffic congestion at the site.

There were numerous requests to have additional basketball courts added to the site. There were limited specific examples of what was requested with some respondents just happy to have some more half courts for casual play. The current half court is very well utilised for passive recreation. There were requests to upgrade the tennis facilities including repairs and resurfacing.

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**Lighting:**

Respondents have been happy with the continued upgrade to sportsfield lights at the site however there was still strong support for additional sportsfield and path lighting.

	NOT AT ALL SATISFIED	NOT VERY SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	TOTAL
Lighting of sports fields and sports courts	3.11% 14	12.65% 58	25.75% 118	42.89% 193	15.58% 69	450
Lighting of pathways	5.77% 26	18.97% 88	32.75% 152	34.45% 159	8.62% 40	464

**Sportsfield lighting:**

Respondents to the survey and phone interviews would like to see greater sportsfield lighting, in particular to Field 7, the cricket nets and LH Waud field. There were no comments about adverse impacts of lighting on any adjacent properties.

**Lighting of pathways:**

There were many requests through the phone interviews, online surveys and drop-in sessions for increased lighting of pathways in both Memorial Park and Meadowbank Park. It seemed that the existing path lighting either did not work or was inadequate. There were requests for lighting to paths throughout the park to increase safety for players moving between the carpark, fields and amenities blocks at night. There were also requests to improve the lighting along the RiverWalk. There were many observations that the lighting should be sustainable ie, solar and LEDs.

**Playgrounds:**

The playgrounds at Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park are considered satisfactory however there were requests through the drop-in sessions and online surveys for additional playgrounds. Respondents requested additional playgrounds to be distributed throughout Meadowbank Park and have requested improved playgrounds similar to Lions Park, Livvy's Place, Blandford Reserve or Putney Park.

There were requests for shade to be added to the playgrounds in both Meadowbank and Memorial Parks.

Some respondents also asked for additional playground equipment for older children. Especially in relation to the playground in Memorial Park. Also there were a few requests to replace the bark in Memorial Park playground with softfall.

	NOT AT ALL SATISFIED	NOT VERY SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	TOTAL
Playgrounds	4.27% 18	14.08% 58	23.65% 103	40.53% 167	11.17% 46	412

**Skate park:**

Generally the skate park was well accepted with only four negative responses. Many respondents were looking forward to it opening to give their older children an area for unstructured play.

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## How satisfied are you with the facilities continued

### Seating:

The seating at the parks was considered fairly poor. This is potentially based on the lack of seating rather than the quality of existing seating. Through the online survey, interviews and drop-in sessions, there were many requests for additional seating throughout both parks. In Meadowbank Park there were requests for seating around the fields for spectators, near to the playgrounds and within some of the landscaped areas for passive recreation. Along the RiverWalk, seating was requested at various locations along the path but also where possible, allowing for a view of the water. In Memorial Park, there was a request for more seating but no detail on where these should be located.

	NOT AT ALL SATISFIED	NOT VERY SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	TOTAL
Seating	8.60% 40	34.34% 170	25.90% 129	25.70% 128	6.22% 31	498
Picnic facilities and barbecues	5.88% 23	20.97% 82	30.69% 120	34.78% 136	7.67% 30	381



### Picnic and BBQ facilities:

Generally the existing picnic and BBQ facilities are considered satisfactory, however through the open responses of the online survey and drop-in sessions, there was a strong request from participants for there to be more picnic and BBQ facilities throughout both parks. Where possible, shading was requested for seating and tables.

### Shading:

There were strong requests for shading throughout both parks. In Memorial Park, shading was requested over the playground which gets very hot during the summer months. At Meadowbank Park shading was requested for seating and spectator areas around the fields. Shading was requested in the form of both more canopy trees and more shade structures.

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**Amenities and clubhouses:**

According to the quantitative data, respondents were generally satisfied with the amenities and buildings at the parks. However, the qualitative responses were quite different and showed a level of dissatisfaction in the existing amenities at the sites, most particularly, Meadowbank Park.

	NOT AT ALL SATISFIED	NOT VERY SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	TOTAL
Toilets/amenities buildings	7.90% 44	20.11% 102	30.70% 151	34.29% 169	7.00% 35	557

There were numerous requests for the amenities blocks to be upgraded with several comments about their lack of maintenance and cleanliness. Some are also considered too dark which is seen as a safety and security risk and the cubicles are small. The locations of the amenities blocks were considered poor and could be improved with relocation. There were comments about the distances some players had to go from their field to find a toilet which was considered by some to be a safety risk at night.

There were also requests for more toilets, especially with some located near the RiverWalk and near to (or within) Memorial Park. In addition to more toilets, there were requests that the existing amenities blocks could be left open for longer hours.

There were requests for improvements with the clubhouses. Some sporting clubs including cricket and soccer would like to see larger clubhouses which would cater for additional storing of equipment and the ability to hold meetings. Some clubs state that their members prefer to get changed on the sidelines rather than using the existing clubhouses due to their current condition.





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### How satisfied are you with the facilities continued

#### Walking and bike paths:

The paths throughout the site were generally considered satisfactory in the quantitative data from the online survey however the qualitative data from the survey and drop-in sessions showed that there were some improvements that could be made.

	NOT AT ALL SATISFIED	NOT VERY SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	TOTAL
Walking and bike paths	1.47% 7	5.88% 29	22.90% 109	44.52% 200	25.63% 122	476

#### RiverWalk:

The RiverWalk path is considered good and is very well used. There are numerous accounts of conflict between bike users and pedestrians along this path. There are requests to widen the path, segregate pedestrians from cyclists, add signage about staying on the left and put in calming devices to slow down cyclists. There are also requests for the RiverWalk to continue along the river rather than cutting into the residential streets, in addition to providing a boardwalk through the mangroves with view points over the river.

#### Meadowbank Park:

The paths within Meadowbank Park are also well used however are in some disrepair with tree roots causing damage in some areas. There are also requests to widen the paths to allow for the easy passing of cyclists and pedestrians. There were also requests to create more looped paths throughout the park for cycling and walking. Some respondents wished for bike facilities and also a turf running track.

#### Memorial Park:

There were requests to improve some of the paths within the park to allow for easier access for prams. It was also noted that the stone path down to the RiverWalk is very eroded. Some users enjoyed the paths in Memorial Park as a place to do trail running.

In general, there were many comments about having path lighting throughout the parks.

#### Signage:

The signage at the site is considered satisfactory however there were several comments about improving the signage of the playing fields to help with wayfinding around Meadowbank Park. In addition, some signage of the entrances to both Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park will assist with park identification and identity - the online survey has demonstrated that there were a significant portion of respondents who either did not know where Memorial Park was (or that it existed) or respondents mixed up the identity of the two parks. Also, the Council Ranger noted that the totem pole styled regulatory signage was difficult to read and not very prominent. Some respondents would also like to see more interpretive signage about the environmental features and heritage of the parks. There were also suggestions from the Ryde Social Inclusion Advisory Committee that there should be additional signage at the Meadowbank train station to encourage more users to use public transport.

	NOT AT ALL SATISFIED	NOT VERY SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	NOT APPLICABLE/UNSURE	TOTAL
Signage	4.92% 28	14.88% 88	26.31% 167	38.47% 227	6.30% 38	7.63% 45	590

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**Fencing:**

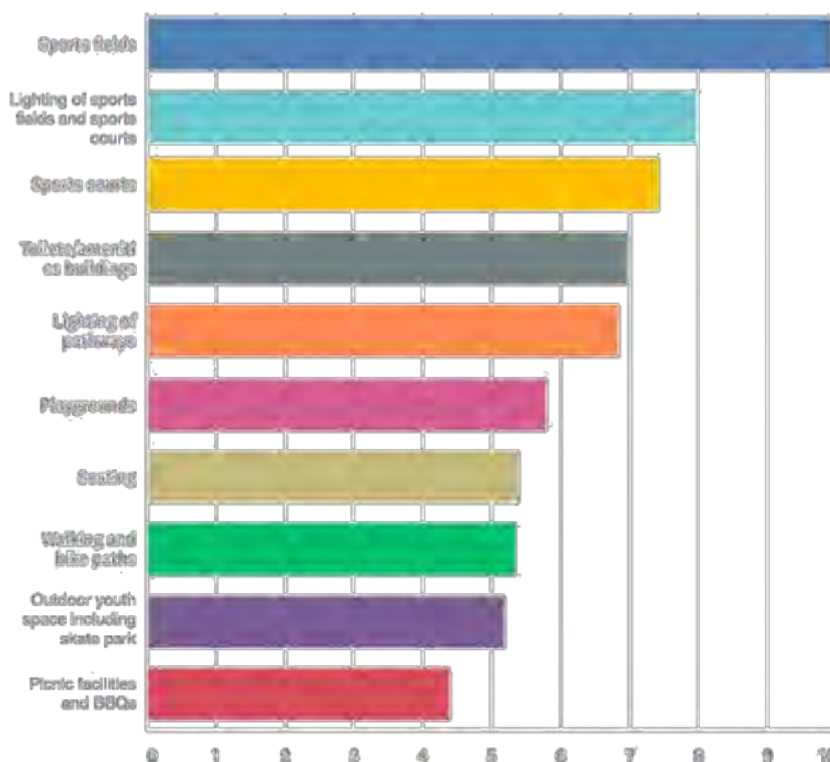
There were many comments regarding fencing at Meadowbank Park both to stop stray balls at the fields and to provide safety along the stormwater culverts. Specifically, there were requests for fencing behind Fields 7, 8 and 9, and close to the carparks and for higher fencing in other areas to prevent stray balls ending up in the mangroves. In addition, the soccer field closest to the hockey pitch could have a fence to prevent balls coming onto the pitch. Improved fencing along the stormwater culverts to prevent safety risks was also mentioned a few times by respondents. A general request for continued maintenance and monitoring of the fences was also noted.

There was no request for fencing at Memorial Park.

**Exercise equipment:**

The exercise equipment at the site was well regarded and well utilised. Comments regarding the equipment included many requests for additional equipment with more specific requests for particular types of equipment including providing similar equipment like at Harold West Reserve, Carlingford: [www.freeoutdoorfitness.net/locations/harold-west-reserve-outdoor-gym/](http://www.freeoutdoorfitness.net/locations/harold-west-reserve-outdoor-gym/) or weighted equipment such as [www.360gym.com.au](http://www.360gym.com.au).

The table below shows the order of priority for future facilities and services at the parks. The sports fields ranked the highest, followed by lighting, amenities buildings and sports courts.



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## How satisfied are you with the environment

### Trees, bushland and natural areas:

In general, respondents were satisfied with the trees, bushland and natural areas of the parks.

	NOT AT ALL SATISFIED	NOT VERY SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	TOTAL
Trees, bushland/natural areas and biodiversity	1.62% 9	6.41% 30	21.62% 100	53.69% 250	17.60% 85	555

Overwhelmingly, there were many requests for more trees across Meadowbank Park. This is closely aligned to the requests for more shade throughout the park. With the environment and open space ranking quite highly as a reason why respondents liked the site, these requests for more trees are unsurprising however additional reasons behind the requests included, requiring shade, windbreaks, habitat and to encourage more bird life to the park. Many of the comments were unspecific as to what type and location of additional trees however there were some more specific information provided. This included, providing shaded walking corridors for spectators and passive recreation users, increasing the native plants and including good mid-storey and under-storey plants, planting floral gardens and creating an edible community garden.

There were also a few requests to naturalise the stormwater culverts to allow for greater biodiversity and scenic areas to sit and enjoy. Better recognition, with interpretive signage, and continued bush regeneration of the Sydney Foreshore Shale Forest in Memorial Park in addition to the endangered saltmarsh and other vegetation along the foreshore were also requested. The Meadowbank Park Bushcare group would also like greater recognition and support of their work throughout the parks.

### Stormwater, runoff and drainage:

Most respondents were satisfied with the stormwater and drainage of the sites. Due to the soil type and slopes within Memorial Park, this was not raised as an issue at all. The main comments came from users of Meadowbank Park.

	NOT AT ALL SATISFIED	NOT VERY SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	TOTAL
Stormwater runoff and drainage	1.61% 8	9.67% 46	25.00% 124	52.49% 260	11.83% 58	496

Respondents considered the two stormwater culverts intersecting the sites to be ugly and, at times, pungent. There were requests for the channels to be naturalised with sandstone blocks and native plantings for both aesthetic and environmental reasons. In general, there were many requests to improve the drainage of fields, especially the low lying ones. Many noted through the phone interviews and drop-in sessions that the fields that have been raised have much better drainage.

### Mosquitoes:

There were many comments regarding the mosquitoes at both Memorial Park and Meadowbank Park. There were requests for the mosquitoes to be managed through spraying or other methods.

### Sustainability:

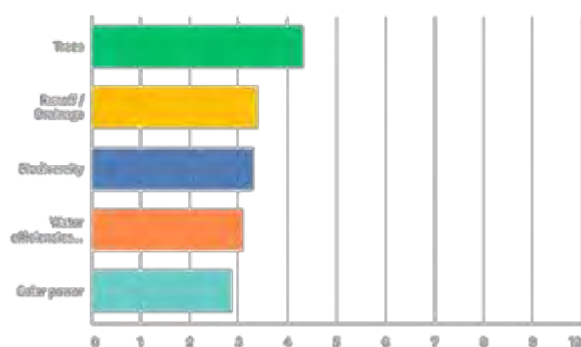
There were comments about water usage to include irrigating at night and using harvested stormwater. Energy efficient lighting was also requested for both parks and the provision of more bins, including recycling bins. There is also scope to include a reverse vending machine at the site for bottle and can recycling.

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**How satisfied are you with the environment continued**

The priorities for the environment ranked trees as the highest priority with a fairly even spread of priorities between the remaining categories of biodiversity, drainage, solar power and water efficiencies.





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## How satisfied are you with the park maintenance

### Turf and ground maintenance:

Generally, respondents were satisfied with the turf and ground maintenance. However, there were many comments regarding poor maintenance of the amenities buildings. Through the drop-in sessions and phone interviews, there was much praise for the quality of the fields with many noting the steady improvements to the park over time.

	NOT AT ALL SATISFIED	NOT VERY SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	TOTAL
Turf and ground maintenance	1.97% 11	12.90% 72	27.60% 154	46.88% 250	10.65% 61	358

### Garden areas:

Respondents asked for more garden areas within Meadowbank Park. This was for added shade for spectators and passive users of the park but also to provide a more scenic environment. Some wished for more colourful flowers through the park "to brighten the area".

At Memorial Park, respondents enjoyed the existing trees and bushland however would like the views of the water to be maintained and for maintenance of the trees to be improved. As part of the landscaping of this park, there were some requests to repair the stone walls throughout the park.

	NOT AT ALL SATISFIED	NOT VERY SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	TOTAL
Garden areas	0.95% 5	9.28% 49	24.27% 120	54.44% 268	10.76% 57	359

### Waste and rubbish:

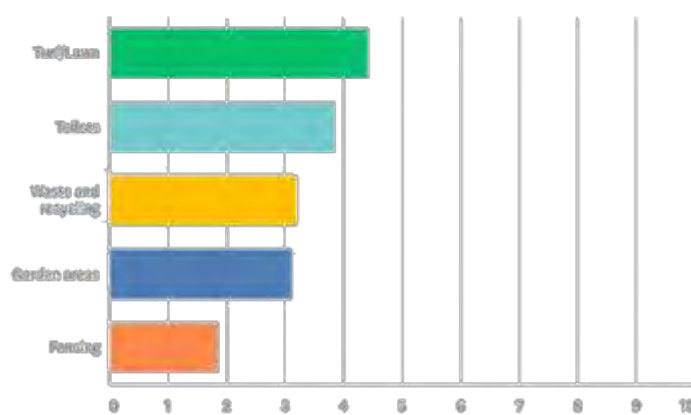
Most respondents were satisfied with the maintenance of waste and rubbish at the site. There were some requests for additional bins within both parks with the inclusion of recycling bins as well. Comments were made that increased emptying of bins on weekends would help to reduce the bins overflowing. There were no comments about littering at the site.

	NOT AT ALL SATISFIED	NOT VERY SATISFIED	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	SATISFIED	VERY SATISFIED	TOTAL
Waste and rubbish	2.76% 15	6.43% 33	28.04% 142	50.18% 273	11.59% 60	344

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The priorities for maintenance had the turf/lawn as the highest priority. Second to this was the maintenance of the toilets which reflects the comments related to the poor condition of the amenities around Memorial Park.



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## Other issues related to the parks

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### Dogs:

There were a significant number of comments given at both the drop-in sessions and online surveys regarding dogs. There are mixed opinions on this topic. Some respondents would like to see increased opportunities to have dogs at both parks. This includes having additional dog off-leash areas and in some cases a dedicated area and more times available for use. Another suggestion was to make some of the grassed area in Memorial Park a dog off leash area.

The timed dog off leash area does not seem to be very effective, according to respondents. There are problems with dog droppings not being picked up with sports users having to clear their field of droppings before play. Also, dog owners are not strictly adhering to the time allocation for dogs. Council's Ranger suggested providing a dedicated full-time area for dogs to reduce confusion and to have more prominent signage of the Council regulations for the site.

### Heritage:

There was strong recognition of the heritage of both of the parks. Memorial Park was appreciated for the memorial elements of the park with many appreciating the walkway with the rosemary and rocks from each war zone. There was a request for recognition of the current wars being fought which are currently not included in the memorial walk.

Meadowbank Park has a strong history with many of the fields named after prominent individuals. However there is little information on who these people are and some interpretive signage may assist other users of the park to appreciate the importance of these people.

There were also requests that the indigenous history of the area is also highlighted at the site with acknowledgement of the Wallumedegal Clan. This also included better protection of the remaining Indigenous heritage items throughout the parks.

### Cafe:

There were over 35 requests through the online survey and the drop-in sessions for cafe facilities. Some even mentioned the possibility of a restaurant that overlooked the water. There was no specific location requested for a cafe, however the concept of having a coffee whilst watching sport or going for a walk was very appealing to many park users. This comment was provided by users of both parks however predominantly users of Meadowbank Park.

### Water play:

There were over 45 comments at both the drop-in sessions and in the online surveys which requested some form of water play facility for children. There were equal requests for a splash park and an outdoor pool with many respondents wanting both. There were very few requests for swimming baths in the river.

### Security and safety:

There have been some security issues at the park which have resulted in a higher actual or perceived risk to females and children at the park. This demographic have felt unsafe moving around the park such as going from the carpark to their play field or to the amenities blocks after dark with poor lighting. Also playing games with suspicious individuals watching their games. Some coping mechanisms have been implemented such as going to the amenities blocks in groups rather than alone, which can be disruptive to play. There are requests for greater lighting within the amenities blocks and along paths within the parks and more security fencing in areas.

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**Events:**

There were some comments about providing more opportunities for events throughout the parks. Some events included markets, movie nights, sporting carnivals and weddings and parties. There was one request for some infrastructure to support events such as a large sheltered place for weddings and celebrations. These comments were targeted at Meadowbank Park only.

There were also suggestions that the existing events at the park are better publicised.

**Drinking water:**

There were numerous requests at both the drop-in centres and the online surveys for more drinking water fountains throughout the site. No specific locations were provided.

**Park size:**

Some respondents of the online survey recognised the increasing demands on the park with the growth in housing in close proximity to the site. One suggestion provided was to increase the size of Memorial Park.

**Drones:**

There has been one comment via email submission regarding the intrusive nature of drones on neighbouring properties from drone users within Meadowbank Park.

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## Recommendations

Based on the information received throughout the initial stage of stakeholder engagement for Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park, the following recommendations are provided for consideration in the development of the draft Masterplan and Plan of Management.

### Getting to the site

- High intensity user groups, such as netball, to provide active traffic management during major events
- Add double lines to the access road next to the tennis courts
- Consider improving pedestrian network in surrounding streets
- Consider providing more parking on the site and realigning car spaces to improve traffic flow
- Improve Adelaide Street and Constitution Road intersection
- Consider time restricted parking in areas to reduce commuter parking

### Favourite features of the parks

- Retain the sense of open space at both parks
- Expand the mix of both active and passive recreation at Meadowbank Park
- Retain the quiet and serene atmosphere of Memorial Park

### Sports fields and sports courts

- Install multi-purpose synthetic fields in Meadowbank Park
- Retain sports fields for the use by organised sports
- Investigate improvement of turf and upgrade the poorer quality fields, including Fields 2 and 3
- Investigate relocation of the cricket pitch from the centre of the field
- Increase the number of cricket nets and ensure the new nets are to the equivalent quality of the existing nets
- Install power and lights to the existing and new cricket nets
- Improve the surface of the netball courts
- Retain hard court surfaces for organised games and for passive recreation
- Install additional hard courts surfaces and hit up wall for casual use for basketball and tennis

### Lighting

- Install additional lighting on the sports fields
- Expand path lighting throughout both parks
- Ensure lighting is energy efficient (ie, solar and LED)
- Improve the lighting along the RiverWalk
- Improve lighting within and around the amenities blocks and clubhouses

### Playgrounds

- Install additional playground in Meadowbank Park
- Investigate additional shade to playground areas
- Ensure play equipment for a range of ages

### Seating

- Provide more seating throughout Meadowbank Park for spectators of sports and passive recreation users and close to the playground areas
- Provide seating along the RiverWalk and where possible provide opportunities to view the water
- Provide improved seating in Memorial Park which takes advantage of the views

### Picnic and BBQ facilities

- Provide additional picnic and BBQ facilities in both Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park

### Shading

- Provide either canopy trees or man-made structures to provide shade around Meadowbank Park, especially over seating, BBQ facilities and pathways



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**Amenities and clubhouses**

- Relocate clubhouses to reduce the distance between clubhouses/amenities and the playing fields
- Ensure better lighting within and around the structures
- Upgrade the existing amenities and clubhouses
- Provide for larger toilet stalls
- Improve the level of maintenance of the existing structures
- Consider location of toilet facility close to the RiverWalk
- Allow for the amenities blocks to be left open for longer hours
- Increase the size of the existing clubhouses to allow for additional canteens, equipment storage for clubs and space for meetings

**Walking and bike paths**

- Improve the surfaces of the existing paths
- Improve safety of paths
- Install lighting to paths throughout both parks
- Repair the eroded sandstone path in Memorial Park
- Provide access for prams within Memorial Park
- Install bike facilities within Meadowbank Park
- Consider methods to improve safety of pedestrians from cyclists on the RiverWalk
- Extend the Riverwalk along the foreshore to remove need for users to enter onto residential streets
- Install a mangrove boardwalk with view points of the river

**Signage**

- Install prominent signage at the entrances to the parks
- Install prominent wayfinding maps of the site and clearly identifying field names and numbers
- Include site details with 'best parking recommendations' on Council's website
- Provide interpretive signs for key historic and environmental values of the parks
- Include wayfinding signage from Meadowbank train station

**Fencing**

- Provide fencing to reduce the incidence of stray balls entering the mangroves, carpark and adjacent fields
- Ensure good maintenance of all existing fences

**Exercise equipment**

- Install additional and varied exercise equipment along the RiverWalk or within Meadowbank Park

**Trees and bushland**

- Increase the number of canopy trees throughout Meadowbank Park
- Improve the understorey and mid storey of planted areas to improve habitat
- Protect the mangrove and endangered saltmarsh areas
- Provide informative signage of the importance of particular natural areas throughout the site
- Consider including more floral plants throughout the parks
- Naturalise the creeklines through the site to provide additional habitat areas

**Stormwater runoff and drainage**

- Naturalise the creeklines through the site with sandstone blocks and native plantings
- Improve the drainage of fields and raise the levels of the low lying fields

**Mosquitoes**

- Reduce the number of mosquitoes at both Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park
- Implement biological/environmentally friendly management plan

**Sustainability**

- Use harvested stormwater across the site
- Install energy efficient lighting
- Include additional bins and recycling bins throughout the site
- Consider installation of a reverse vending machine for bottle and can recycling

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**Turf and ground maintenance**

- Improve the maintenance of the amenities buildings
- Continue to improve the grounds maintenance

**Garden areas**

- Increase the number of garden areas throughout Meadowbank Park
- Retain the existing garden areas within Memorial Park and retain the views of the river
- Investigate the repair of the stone retaining walls within Memorial Park

**Waste and rubbish**

- Provide additional bins for general rubbish and recycling
- Consider the installation of a reverse vending machine for bottle and can recycling

**Dogs**

- Consider providing a dedicated off leash area
- Improve regulatory signage regarding dogs

**Heritage**

- Provide greater recognition of the heritage throughout the parks
- Protect remaining indigenous heritage
- Provide interpretive signs on the heritage of the site
- Include recognition of the current wars being fought in the memorial walk

**Cafe**

- Consider installing a cafe close to the RiverWalk within Meadowbank Park

**Waterplay**

- Consider incorporation of a splash park as part of the regional playground

**Security and safety**

- Improve lighting throughout the parks and RiverWalk
- Improve lighting at amenities blocks and car parks

**Events**

- Encourage more events at the site
- Promote events in the parks
- Provide appropriate infrastructure for events in Meadowbank Park

**Drinking water**

- Install additional drinking water stations throughout both parks

**Park size:**

- Consider expanding the size of Meadowbank Park

**Drones:**

- Develop and publicise controls over the use of drones in Meadowbank Park

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Promotional materials

DL flyer Front



DL flyer back

**We want to hear from you**

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**Have your say from Monday 15 October to Sunday 4 November 2018.**

Come along to meet the project team at one of the drop-in sessions, ask any questions you may have and provide your feedback.

Talk to us on 1300 103 446 or email [rc@cityofryde.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rc@cityofryde.nsw.gov.au)

Meadowbank Park

Memorial Park

Drop-in sessions

**Get involved**

**Drop-in sessions**

- 1 **Monday 22 October**  
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Meadowbank Park, near Field 3
- 2 **Wednesday 24 October**  
Anytime between 4.30pm - 6.30pm  
Meadowbank Park, near Field 9 and the netball courts
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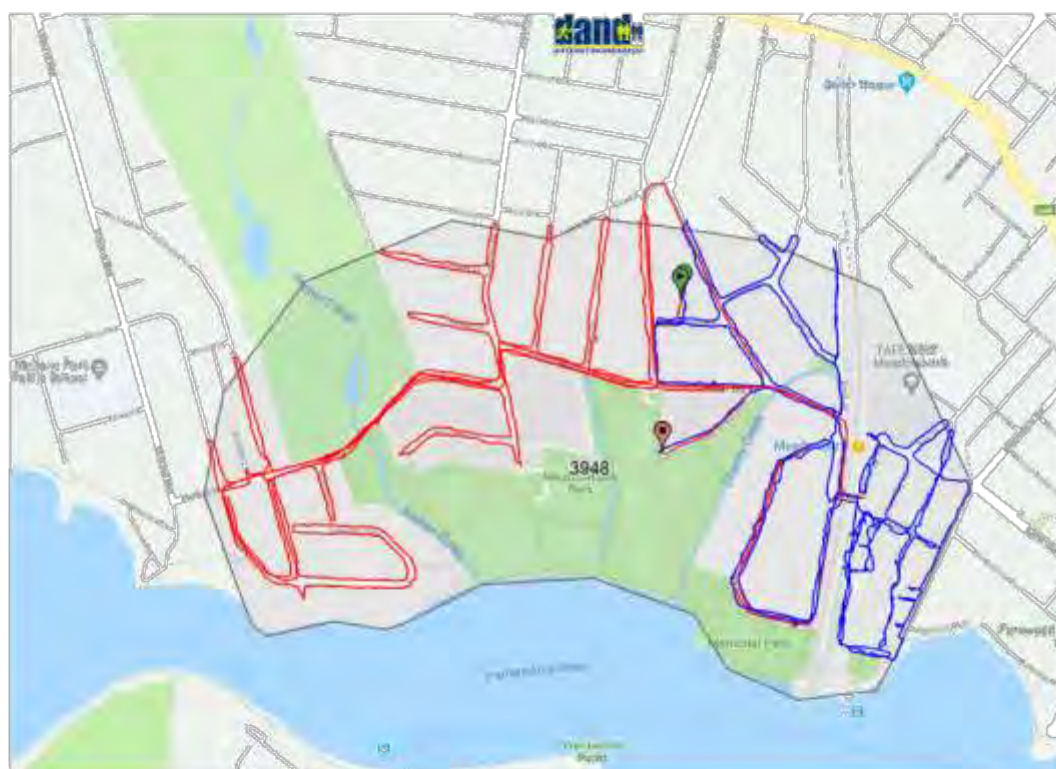
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Map and list of participating businesses

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Park signage

## Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park, Meadowbank

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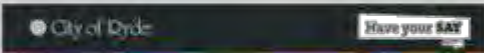


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### Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park, Meadowbank



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**Why is a Masterplan needed?**

Council delivers a wide range of sport and recreation services through a network of regional, district, neighbourhood and local open space, parklands, sportsgrounds and indoor and outdoor facilities.

While the network has served the community well for many years, Council recognises that within the context of a rapidly growing and changing area, the roles and functions of our facilities need to be reviewed and updated to meet the community's needs.

The purpose of the Masterplan is to identify and meet the current and future sport, recreation and leisure needs of the community, whilst enhancing the environment and sustainability of the parks and the Parramatta River corridor.


**What is a Plan of Management?**

The Plan of Management will propose strategies that guide the future use and management of Meadowbank Park.

**Have Your Say**

We would like to hear how you currently use these parks and how you would like to see them improved, managed and maintained now and into the future.

You can have your say on Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park in several ways including online or at one of our community drop-in sessions.



**Online Survey**


The Survey will be open between Monday 19 October to Sunday 4 November 2017

[Complete the Survey](#)

**Drop-in Sessions**


- Monday Night Drop-in Session**  
Date: Monday 23 October 2018  
Time: Anytime between 4:30 - 6:30pm  
Where: Meadowbank Park, near Field 9
- Wednesday Night Drop-in Session**  
Date: Wednesday 24 October 2018  
Time: Anytime between 4:30 - 6:30pm  
Where: Meadowbank Park, near Field 9 and the netball courts
- Saturday Drop-in Session**  
Date: Saturday 27 October 2018  
Time: Anytime between 9:00 - 11:00am  
Where: Meadowbank/Memorial Parks, near Field 7 and Ryde River Yaki

**Meadowbank Parks**



**Memorial Parks**

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**Newspaper advertisement**

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**When** Wednesday 24 October 2018

**Time** Anytime between 4.30 - 6.30pm

**Where** Meadowbank Park, near Field 9 and the netball courts

**When** Saturday 27 October 2018

**Time** Anytime between 9.00 - 9.00am

**Where** Meadowbank Memorial Parks, near Field 7 and Ryde River Walk

**How do I make a submission?**

**In person** At one of our events listed above

**Online** Complete the online survey at [www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/haveyoursay)

Closing date for submissions is Sunday 4 November 2018

**For more information**

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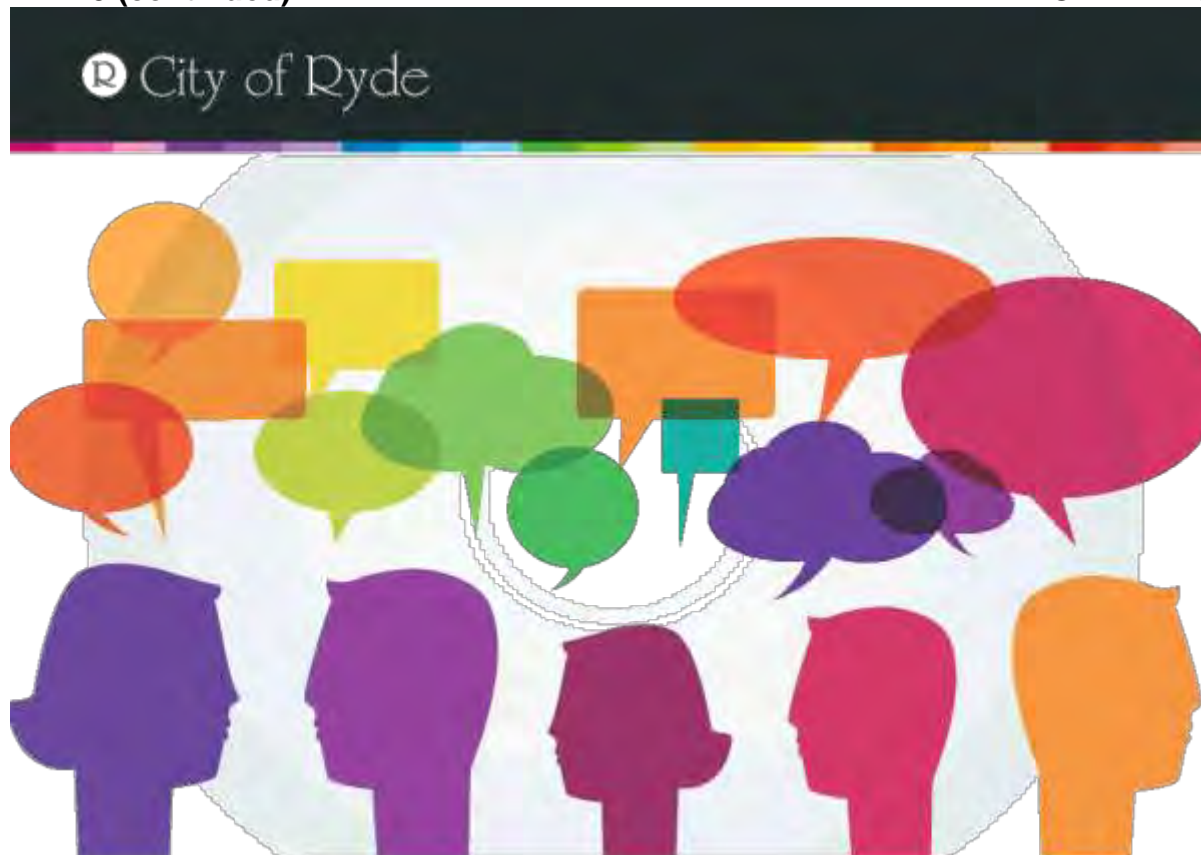


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## **CITY OF RYDE**

### **Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park Masterplan and Meadowbank Park Plan of Management**

#### **Community Stakeholder Engagement Report**

##### **STAGE 2 | COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

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## Executive summary

Council engaged Flagship Communications, a specialist stakeholder engagement company, to lead the community consultation process for the development of a Masterplan for Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park and a Plan of Management for Meadowbank Park, Meadowbank.

From 15 October to 4 November 2018, a Stage 1 community engagement period was open for stakeholders to provide their feedback on the existing precinct and what their thoughts were for the future of the sites.

The parks are very complex and diverse in both their physical attributes and their usage and this was reflected strongly in the feedback received throughout the engagement process. The feedback was collated into key themes which were identified during the stakeholder engagement process. These themes included:

- Thoughts on the site
- Getting to the site
- Parking and traffic
- Sports requirements
- Passive recreation
- Amenities and clubrooms
- Seating and shade
- Picnic and BBQ facilities
- Landscaping and habitat
- Lighting
- Fields
- RiverWalk
- Paths and cycling facilities
- Sustainability
- Mosquitoes
- Exercise equipment
- Cafe
- Dogs
- Fencing
- Drainage and stormwater
- Signage
- Water play
- Playgrounds
- Security and safety
- Heritage and identity
- Skate park
- Park size
- Events
- Drinking water
- Maintenance
- Memorial

Council used the feedback to develop a draft Masterplan for Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park and a Plan of Management for Meadowbank Park, Meadowbank. This was presented back to the community through a Stage 2 community engagement period.

From 3 April to 19 May 2019 the Stage 2 community engagement period was open for stakeholder feedback on the draft Masterplan and Plan of Management.

The community engagement period was promoted through Council's Have Your Say page, social media, DL flyers residents, local newspaper advertisement, park signage and eNewsletters.

Stakeholders had many opportunities to provide their feedback including an online interactive map, online survey, telephone interviews, drop-in sessions and written submissions.

A dedicated phone number and Council's email address were also promoted as methods for stakeholders to provide input to the project.

Engagement interaction included approximately 100 one-on-one interactions at drop-in sessions with over 580 comments provided by participants; 14 stakeholder interviews and 361 online comments. There were three calls received through the dedicated 1300 phone number and 15 email submissions were received.

During the Stage 2 consultation period, participants were asked their opinion of specific areas of the draft Masterplan design, what they liked, what suggestions they had for the draft plan, and any other comments. Feedback was requested on the action lists from the draft Plan of Management.

The comments received were mainly directed towards the Masterplan with the majority of online respondents referring to the Masterplan when answering questions directed at the Plan of Management. Feedback has been aggregated dependent on the intent of which plan the comment was referring to.

Generally the plans have been well accepted. Overall, with small amendments, the draft plans should be well supported by the community.

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## Background

City of Ryde delivers a wide range of sport and recreation services to both its 131,911 residents and visitors who work or play within the local government area. These services are provided through a network of regional, district, neighbourhood and local open spaces, parklands, sportsgrounds and indoor and outdoor facilities.

Council is developing a Masterplan for Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park and a Plan of Management for Meadowbank Park, Meadowbank. The purpose of the project was for Council to better understand the current and likely future sporting, recreational and leisure needs of the Ryde community and to develop a Masterplan and Plan of Management for the Parks as indicated above.

The Masterplan and Plan of Management will include the effective future provision, conservation, planning and development of facilities and services within the Parks indicated.

Flagship Communications, a specialist stakeholder engagement company has been engaged to lead the community consultation processes for the development of the Masterplan and Plan of Management.

In late 2018, Council undertook the first phase (Stage 1) of consultation with the community to determine what stakeholders liked and didn't like about the existing site and what they would like to see at the site in the future. The feedback from this consultation period formed the basis of a draft Masterplan and Plan of Management, developed by Council. The draft plans were presented to the community via Stage 2 community consultation on 3 April to 19 May 2019.

This report reflects the outcomes from this Stage 2 community consultation period.





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### Consultation objectives

The overall goal of our team during the consultation phases of the project was to:

- work with stakeholders to ensure they were informed and engaged
- potential issues were identified
- effective two-way communication was developed and maintained throughout the project.

The objectives of the consultation were to:

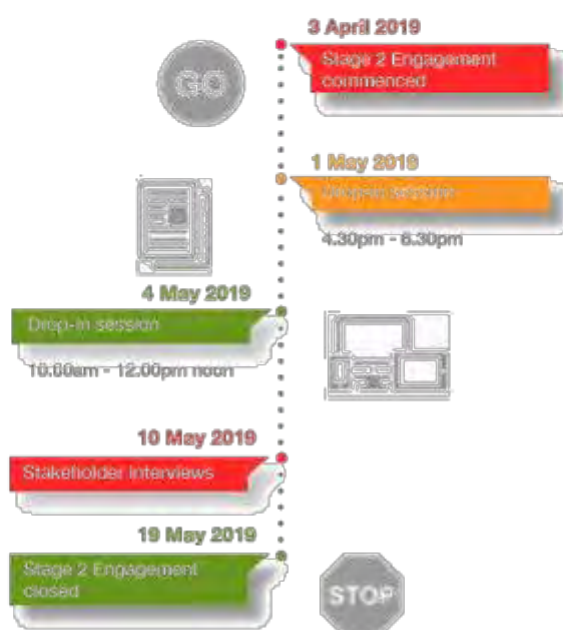
- create stakeholder awareness of the parks Masterplan and Plan of Management and the associated consultation process
- encourage stakeholder participation in the consultation process
- establish and maintain effective two-way communication between the project team, City of Ryde council and stakeholders
- ensure stakeholder issues were identified and recorded
- ensure appropriate consultation tools and activities were used, taking into account demographic elements such as language, literacy, disability and access to the internet
- provide timely feedback to the stakeholders about engagement outcomes
- ensure opportunities were identified and recorded



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## Engagement timeline



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## Engagement approach

### Principles

Flagship Communications understands City of Ryde's commitment to open, transparent and active relationships between Council and the Community. The engagement process supported City of Ryde's strategic aim for community engagement that fosters:

**Meaningful engagement opportunities whereby community feedback is sought and considered as part of the decision making process.**

The engagement principles below were used throughout the engagement process. To bring the principles 'to life', supporting key messages about the project approach are also outlined below.

Principles	Example principles key messages
<b>Be informative</b> provide clear and accurate information in a timely manner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City of Ryde is seeking feedback to inform the future development and management of Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park.</li> <li>City of Ryde has appointed Flagship Communications to deliver a community engagement program.</li> </ul>
<b>Be collaborative</b> ensure all views are recorded and acknowledged	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Different users use the Parks differently. We want to understand what would help the community enjoy the site even more, now and 20 years from now.</li> <li>It is unlikely that all current and future users of the site will agree on priorities for the Parks. Understanding the range of community priorities and expectations will help us prioritise and plan for the future of the Parks.</li> </ul>
<b>Be sensitive</b> understand the needs of the local community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The current Parks may not meet your needs for recreation and play. How can we improve on what we already offer on this site?</li> <li>Are there facilities you would expect to be able to use at these Parks that you can't?</li> <li>What do you value about the existing Parks?</li> </ul>
<b>Be flexible</b> respond to community needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Getting to a Community Information Drop-In session might be difficult for you. To help you to be involved by learning more about the project and providing your feedback, you can find out more via phone, online or email.</li> </ul>
<b>Establish realistic expectations</b> manage stakeholders' expectations so they are clear about what influence they have in the decision making process and how their input has been considered or addressed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>By 'Masterplan' we mean the visual renditions of community feedback which shows the relationship of all the physical components with each other within the parks and how the parks are placed in regards to neighbouring sites.</li> <li>The Masterplan will provide a 20 year plan for the site – this means that the Parks will continue to evolve during this time.</li> <li>The Plan of Management will provide strategies that guide the future use and management of Meadowbank Park.</li> <li>There are constraints on what City of Ryde can do with the Parks. The Masterplan and Plan of Management will be developed in accordance with Council's existing policies and plans.</li> </ul>

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## Engagement methods

The following engagement techniques and tools were used for this Stage 2 of consultation for the project.

Engagement tool	Stakeholder	Overview
<b>Stakeholder Engagement Plan</b>	Project team	An Engagement Plan outlining approaches, stakeholders, engagement tools and techniques.
<b>Stakeholder Engagement Report</b>	Project team Elected Council Council staff	Report containing information on the methodology and result of the engagement processes and how the information will be used to inform the Plan of Management and Masterplan development.
<b>Briefings</b>	Project team	Briefings held to ensure Council's key project team were informed and kept up to date on the engagement process.
<b>Stakeholder drop-in sessions</b>	All	Two casual drop in sessions at varying times of the day (early evening mid-week and morning weekend) to allow stakeholders to have one-to-one time with the project team to provide their thoughts, ideas and ask questions.
<b>Promotional materials</b>	All	A DL flyer, park signage, local print advertisement, eNewsletters, email and social media posts provided opportunities to promote the project and engagement opportunities for all stakeholders.
<b>Stakeholder interviews</b>	All	Key user groups including sports clubs and other facility user representatives are contacted via email or phone and invited to provide comment via a phone interview, email, website or via the drop-in sessions.
<b>Have Your Say website</b>	All	Dedicated website for engagement with a wide range of stakeholders. The site included context for the project with background information, social pinpoint map, details of engagement events and reference to a dedicated 1300 phone number and email address for any enquiries or feedback.
<b>Interactive map</b>	All	An interactive online map (Social Pinpoint) enabled the project team to obtain information from all participants and stakeholder groups. The map was located on Council's Have your Say page.
<b>Online survey</b>	All	An online survey provided an opportunity for comments to be submitted on the actions within the draft Plan of Management.
<b>Information phone number and email</b>	All	A dedicated 1300 phone number was provided exclusive to the project. The phone number was staffed 9am - 5pm weekdays with a message bank for out of hours calls. Council's main email address was used for the purpose of this project.
<b>Social media</b>	All	Project promotion and key messaging distributed via Council's social media pages and through third party sites at the discretion of Council.



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## Engagement results

### Project promotion

A range of methods were used to promote the engagement period and the opportunities for engagement available to stakeholders (See appendix A and B). This included:

Method	Stakeholders	Distribution
<b>DL flyer</b>	Delivered to residents within a 500m radius of the precinct	Flyers delivered to residents within a 500m radius of the Parks
<b>Park signage</b>	Park signage was displayed within the parks	11 park signs displayed within the Parks
<b>Stakeholder email</b>	The eNewsletter was delivered to stakeholders of the site.	185 unique subscribers 113 emails opened
<b>eNewsletters</b>	The eNewsletter was delivered to stakeholders of the site.	Your City News (2,355 recipients, 1,000 opens) Smarter Cleaner Greener (3,211 recipients, 1,285 opens)
<b>Facebook</b>	A Facebook message was posted on Council's Facebook page.	Reach of 1,652 213 reactions, comments or shares
<b>Have Your Say</b>	Dedicated web page with information about the project and social pinpoint map for comments. (Appendix D)	1,244 page views 955 unique visits
<b>Local Print Advertisement</b>	Print advertisement displayed in the North Shore Times	38,000 total print readership

### Project engagement

A range of methods were used to engage with stakeholders during the engagement period. This included:

Method	Stakeholders	Engagement
<b>Drop-in sessions</b>	Two drop-in sessions were held at various times and days throughout the engagement period.	Approximately 100 one-on-one interactions 580 comments provided by participants
<b>Phone enquiries</b>	A dedicated phone number was provided for phone enquiries from stakeholders and the community.	3 phone enquiries were received
<b>Social Pinpoint</b>	Social Pinpoint, an online spatial map based method of providing comments was open to all stakeholders during the engagement period.	1,462 total visits 833 unique users 309 comments received
<b>Stakeholder interviews &amp; feedback</b>	Key external stakeholder groups were contacted by telephone for feedback.	14 stakeholder groups responded (see appendix)
<b>Door knocks</b>	Council's project officers door knocked properties immediately adjacent to Meadowbank Park to notify residents of the project and invite them to provide feedback	
<b>Email responses</b>	Council's main email address was used as a method of receiving comments from stakeholders	15 email submissions were received from stakeholders.

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# Draft Masterplan



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1	Multi-purpose synthetic turf sports field
2	Multi-purpose sports fields
3	Multi-purpose sports courts
4	Multi-purpose hard courts (including resurfacing for tennis)
5	Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Park
6	Regional playground
7	Upgraded neighbourhood park
8	Amenity buildings
9	Dedicated off-leash dog exercise area
10	Visitor car park
11	Community event lawn
12	Priority area for creek naturalisation
13	New pedestrian/shared user path
14	Informal sports court
15	Modified car-de-cul-de-sac drop-off
16	New pedestrian bridge
17	Upgraded stone walls and park furniture
18	New pedestrian path
19	Improved river interface and habitat
20	New park furniture along RiverWalk
21	New footpath along Constitution Rd driveway
22	Existing bushland to be retained and protected

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## Response themes

The data collected from all the feedback sources throughout the Stage 2 community consultation were collated into the following areas of the Masterplan and Plan of Management (in alphabetical order). Key stakeholder group responses are included in the appendix.

### Amenities buildings

There were concerns about the removal of the existing hockey building. Some respondents thought the building was still functional and was not in need of demolition, others wanted hockey to have its own discrete facility close to the existing hockey fields. Many of the existing sports clubs at the site wished to ensure there would be adequate storage facilities available to them and canteen/kiosk facilities.

The amenities building near Andrews Street was considered to be too close to residential buildings and would also increase the hard surfaces in a flood zone.

**Recommendations**

**Plan of Management:** No change.

**Masterplan:** Investigate most appropriate locations for amenities buildings.

### Basketball courts

There was strong support for the additional informal basketball courts located around the site. These are well encouraged with many respondents acknowledging the strong popularity of the single court already located along the RiverWalk. However, there were concerns with residents living near the courts at James Street that they were located too close to residential homes and would create too much noise. There were a few requests to also include hit up walls which could be incorporated into the basketball courts.

**Recommendations**

**Plan of Management:** Include "consider proximity of hard court surfaces to residential properties" within the "Impact on adjoining residents" management issue.

**Masterplan:** Reduce the number of the basketball courts from the end of James Street. Consider relocating further within the park and away from residential properties. Consider including hit up walls at some locations.

### Cafe

There is very strong support for a café within the site. Most approve of the location being within or near the proposed regional playground, however there were some suggestions to have one located closer to the RiverWalk and Memorial Park. There was a strong focus in using the café facilities to build social enterprise in the community and potentially incorporate more youth services to build on the new skate park's success.

**Recommendations**

**Plan of Management:** Ensure a café is included as a permitted use on the site.

**Masterplan:** Investigate opportunities to relocate cafe to between skate park and regional playground. Explore opportunities for potential cafe operations (eg. social enterprise).

### Creek naturalisation

The creek naturalisation component was well received with many respondents approving of the concept. As part of a suggestion to improve the mangroves, there may be scope to expand the mangrove habitat into the naturalised creek area. There were also many requests to better connect the river with the park and the naturalised creek may be one method of achieving this.

**Recommendations**

**Plan of Management:** Include under "Creek naturalisation" management issue and action to incorporate greater connectivity between the park and the river.

**Masterplan:** Give consideration to naturalisation of some sections of Charity Creek.



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### Cricket

There were requests for some more cricket nets at the site with the existing net upgrade being very popular and already at capacity. There was little support from teams for playing on a synthetic surface with the preference for games to remain on natural surfaces.

#### Recommendations

**Plan of Management:** No change.

**Masterplan:** Increase the number of cricket nets in the Plan. Consider separate net locations to allow for both club training and general community use. Investigate cricket field configurations on site to remove cricket from synthetic surface and to allow for play on turf surfaces.

### Dogs

There is a strong support for the provision of a dog off leash area. Many dog owners would like to have continuous access to the off leash area for dogs, however, if the area must be shared with other users, it was suggested that Saturday mornings could be given to sports groups for competition use. There is some support to have the area fenced, but the majority of comments supported an unfenced area. There is mixed feelings from respondents about relocating the area within the park. If the relocation occurs, additional shading will be required as there is currently little to no shading currently available at the proposed new location.

#### Recommendations

**Plan of Management:** No change. Plan currently addresses all issues raised.

**Masterplan:** Include shade elements within dog off leash area if area is relocated to proposed location. Give consideration to dog off leash location to increase the dog off leash hours.

### Fitness equipment

The existing fitness equipment is well utilised and there is strong support for more outdoor equipment at the site. There were also a few suggestions for an indoor gym at the site.

#### Recommendations

**Plan of Management:** No change.

**Masterplan:** Identify locations for additional outdoor fitness equipment.

### Identity and heritage

There were requests to ensure the heritage and identity of the site was well recognised. This also included concerns over a loss of identity in some areas with the removal of assets (ie LH Waud and Tony Wicks)

#### Recommendations

**Plan of Management:** No change. Already included within the Plan.

**Masterplan:** No change.

### Lighting

There were a significant number of suggestions to light the pedestrian pathways throughout the park for both safety and to encourage greater use after hours (ie, winter months). Positive comments and general community support was received for the proposed sports field lighting across Meadowbank Park. There were not too many concerns about additional field lighting, however a small number of residents noted glare from the sports field lighting on Field 10 and do not want this to be further increased.

#### Recommendations

**Plan of Management:** Include reducing field lighting glare (in addition to light spill) to relevant Australian Standards or better to the action under the management issue "Impact on adjoining residents".

**Masterplan:** Keep sports field lighting as proposed in draft Masterplan and ensure compliance with relevant Australian Standards.  
Include path lighting along selected pedestrian pathways.

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### Multi-purpose courts

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The inclusion of the multipurpose courts were well supported, however their location was not. Resident living within close proximity to the proposed location did not want the facility so close to their homes with noise generation, their main issue. They all fully supported the need for the facility but requested it was relocated further away from residential property.

**Recommendations**

**Plan of Management:** No change.

**Masterplan:** Relocate the multi-purpose courts away from residential properties.

### Natural areas and environmental considerations

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There was very strong support for the increase in trees throughout the site, both from an environmental perspective and from the additional shade and wind breaks it will bring to the site. There were requests to consider the use of native trees such as Angophoras and also to include flower gardens (for colour) and community gardens (also supported by the Department of Health).

There were a few requests to remove mangroves to increase the connection and views to the River however this was also offset by requests to better protect and manage the mangroves.

There were some requests that sustainability considerations were included into the Plans. This included the use of solar lighting, solar power on amenities blocks, LED lights and rainwater reuse.

**Recommendations**

**Plan of Management:** Within the management issue, "Mangroves" include an action to consider the expansion of the mangrove area into the naturalised creek areas where appropriate. Give consideration to potential for solar power and water harvesting opportunities onsite.

**Masterplan:** Give consideration to whether a community garden would be suitable for Meadowbank Park.

### Netball relocation

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The relocation of netball from the site has been well supported. However there were concerns that site users would lose their place to learn to ride a bike – requiring a large, flat surface to allow plenty of space to get their balance. There was also concerns that once the relocation process is formalised, that there will be no more maintenance to the existing courts.

The Northern District P&C would also like Marsden High School to remain as a school site, however this decision is outside the scope of the project.

**Recommendations**

**Plan of Management:** No change.

**Masterplan:** Give consideration to including some hard surfaces for casual netball use and a learn to ride space.

### Park furniture

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Respondents wished to see more park seating throughout the site, both for spectating active sports and for passive recreation purposes throughout the Parks and RiverWalk. There were also some suggestions for some banked seating near the major fields (ie, LH Waude).

More bins throughout the site have been requested, particularly along the RiverWalk.

Bike stands, BBQs and filtered water stations were also requested by some respondents.

**Recommendations**

**Plan of Management:** No change. Plan currently addresses all issues raised.

**Masterplan:** Identify park furniture locations on the Plan



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## Parking and traffic

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There was some concern that parking was to be reduced under the Masterplan which was demonstrated in the amount of comments regarding this issue. Even with netball (a strong contributor to parking and traffic congestion at the site) being relocated, there was still a strong push for additional parking on the site.

There was also support for greater disabled parking options throughout the site.

There was opposition to the new car park near Andrew Street with concerns about tree removal and an already considered unsafe entry/exit point onto Andrew Street. There were suggestions to keep the existing informal car park which is currently accessed off James Street.

There were safety concerns about pedestrians crossing Constitution Road with calls for a pedestrian crossing, improved pedestrian island or a crossing with traffic lights installed near the skate park. Respondents also wanted to see better access to the site from the train station.

### Recommendations

**Plan of Management:** No changes needed. All issues addressed.

**Masterplan:** Consider reconfiguring the car park location or access safety provisions at Andrew Street.  
Investigate opportunities for further parking on site

## Paths and cycleways

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The improved paths and cycleways were one of the most highly supported elements of the masterplan. The provision of paths for the fluid movement of both pedestrians and cyclists throughout the park was well received. However there were many requests to improve and provide lighting along the paths. There is some incompatibility between cyclists and pedestrians, particularly along the RiverWalk with some recommendations to separate the two.

There were suggestions to extend the RiverWalk further west along the foreshore to remove the need to travel within residential streets.

Some residents from 12 Meadow Crescent were opposed to the proposed pathway through Memorial Park adjacent to their property stating that their privacy and safety will be compromised and it will impact the existing habitat area. There were also some requests for a turf running/cross country track to run parallel to some of the paths in the park for a lower impact alternative to hard surface running.

### Recommendations

#### Plan of Management:

- Include as an action under "path and shared user path" the addition of further path lighting throughout the site. Include Priority ratings on actions under this management issue.

#### Masterplan:

- Consider sustainable path lighting along all major pathways throughout the site.
- Investigate the inclusion of screening or fencing along the proposed pathway next to 12 Meadow Crescent.
- Investigate alternate opportunities to access Meadowbank Park from Meadow Crescent.
- Investigate methods of improving safety between cyclists and pedestrians – particularly along the RiverWalk.
- Investigate the potential of an extension of the Riverwalk to the west along the River.

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### Playgrounds

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Many respondents liked the inclusion of a regional playground. There was strong support for water play elements and more natural style of play equipment (ie, rocks and logs to climb on). The climbing walls and slides were well received. There were requests to incorporate a flying fox and a learn to ride area.

The park at Andrews Street had some negative comments – mainly about the location. Some residents adjoining the park were concerned that the relocation of the playground would increase the noise as it would be located closer to their living areas. All parks had requests for shading and seating.

**Recommendations**

**Plan of Management:** No change.

**Masterplan:** Consider the location of the Andrews street playground in relation to nearby living areas of adjacent properties.

### Skate park

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The skate park has been very well received with some respondents wishing it was made larger.

**Recommendations**

**Plan of Management:** No change.

**Masterplan:** No change.

### Sports fields

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There are mixed comments about the inclusion of a synthetic field, however the majority of comments were very positive. Many of the comments regarding the sports fields related to the usage "rights" each code received for fields. This demonstrates the high capacity levels already being experienced at the site and the passionate levels of enthusiasm some clubs have for their sport. There was also some confusion as to the number of fields remaining with some codes believing that field numbers would be cut, which was contrary to the plans. Some sporting user groups expressed concerns about hire costs associated with using synthetic sports fields.

**Recommendations**

**Plan of Management:** No change.

**Masterplan:** No change.

### Swimming pool

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There was a small amount of requests to include a swimming pool or a river swimming location in the design.

**Recommendations**

**Plan of Management:** No change.

**Masterplan:** No change.

### Tennis courts

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The Northern District Tennis Association (current lessee of Meadowbank Park Tennis Centre) did not wish to see the tennis courts changed to multipurpose courts stating that players would not want to play on courts with multiple markings on them. There were some suggestions by other respondents to resurface them.

**Recommendations**

**Plan of Management:** No change.

**Masterplan:** Investigate requirement for multi-use purpose.

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Promotional materials



Advertisement in the Smarter, Cleaner, Greener - Issue 3 2019 Newsletter



Advertisement in Your City News | May 2019 newsletter



Facebook advertisement



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**City of Ryde** **Have your say**

**Meadowbank Park/Memorial Park  
Draft Masterplan  
Meadowbank Park Draft Plan of Management**



**Share Your Community Knowledge**

In October 2018, the City of Ryde asked for your input, views and thoughts on the current and future use of Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park, to help the parks stay at their best, now and into the future.

Community and the Council are seeking a Draft Masterplan for Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park and a Draft Plan of Management for Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park to meet this goal.

**What is a Masterplan and Plan of Management needed?**

Council delivers a wide range of open and recreation services and facilities across its range of regional parks, city parks and local open spaces, particularly at Meadowbank Park.

While the Council has served the community well for many years, Council recognises that with the support of a masterplan and planning and the planning for long plan periods and facilities need to be reviewed and updated to meet the community's needs.

**Where are the parks located?**

The local Government has identified the importance of the Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park as a key part of the local park network, including local and regional parks, as the Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park. The Draft Masterplan has therefore been prepared with a focus on the future of the Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park.

**Have Your Say**

You can find out more about the Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park Draft Masterplan and Meadowbank Park Draft Plan of Management in several ways, including at the draft stage of our community events.

**Draft Masterplan Online Survey**

- Use the online survey to tell us what you think about the draft Masterplan and any changes you would like to see. The survey will be available online from Wednesday 2 April to Sunday 16 April 2019.

**Have your say online**

**Draft Plan of Management Online Form**

Use the online submission form to provide feedback on the Meadowbank Park Draft Plan of Management. Submissions must be received by Sunday 16 April 2019.

**View the Draft Plan of Management**

**View an Online Submission**

**Community Survey**  
Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm  
Where: Meadowbank Park, Park Road 9 and Barker Courts

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**What is the survey going to be? Community survey and public consultation**

**Meadowbank Park**



**Memorial Park**

**Community Survey**

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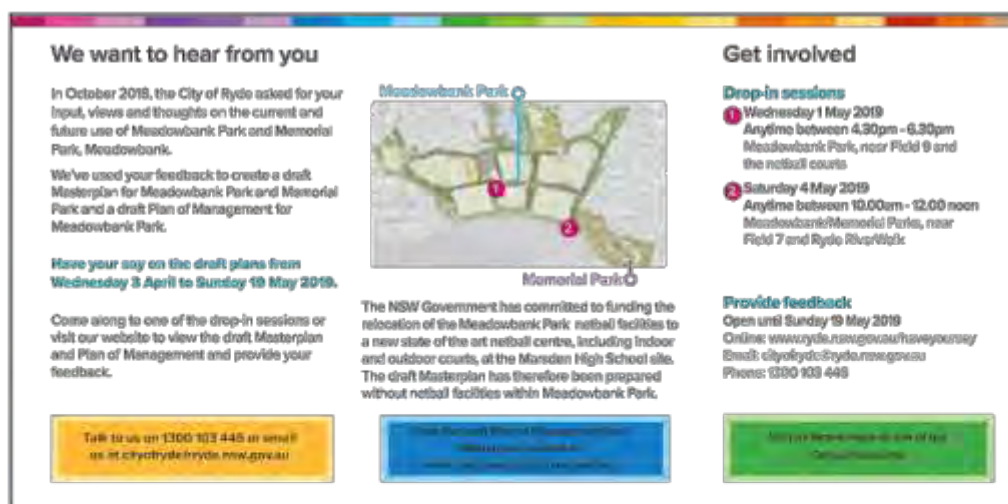
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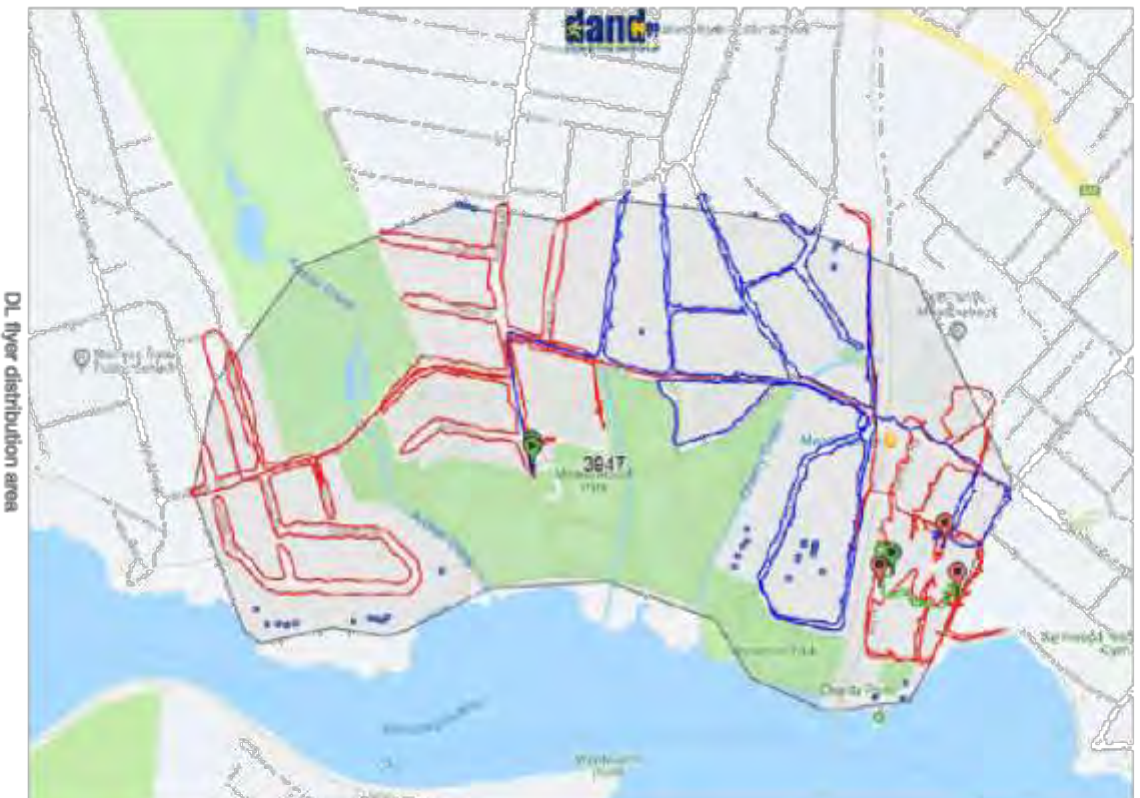


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We've used your feedback to create a draft Masterplan for Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park and a draft Plan of Management for Meadowbank Park.

**Have your say on the draft plans from Wednesday 3 April to Sunday 19 May 2019.**

Come along to one of the drop-in sessions or visit our website to view the draft Masterplan and Plan of Management and provide your feedback.

### Get involved

**Drop-in sessions**

1 **Wednesday 1 May 2019**  
Anytime between 4.30pm - 6.30pm  
Meadowbank Park, near Field 5 and the netball courts

2 **Saturday 4 May 2019**  
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Meadowbank/Memorial Parks, near Field 7 and Ryde RiverWalk

**Provide feedback**

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**Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park  
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The NSW Government has committed to funding the relocation of the Meadowbank Park outdoor theatre to a new state of the art natural centre, including indoor and outdoor courts, at the Marsden High School site. This draft Masterplan has therefore been prepared without natural facilities within Meadowbank Park.

**Want to find out more?**

You can Have Your Say regarding the draft plans in a number of ways including online or face-to-face at one of the events below.

**Community Drop-In Sessions**

**Weekday Drop-In Session**

**When** Wednesday 1 May 2019  
**Time** Anytime between 4:30pm and 6:30pm  
**Where** Meadowbank Park, near Field 6 and Netball courts

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- Eastwood Ryde Netball Association
- Gladesville Hornsby Football Association
- North West Sydney Womens Hockey
- West Ryde Rovers Football Club
- West Ryde Rovers Cricket Club
- North West Sydney Tennis Association
- North West Women's Football Association
- Northern Suburbs Ultimate
- Inner West Harbour Cricket Association
- Sydney Oztag
- Thrive Together (personal training)
- Meadowbank Park Bushcare Group
- Mayor's Play Panel
- NSW Department of Health

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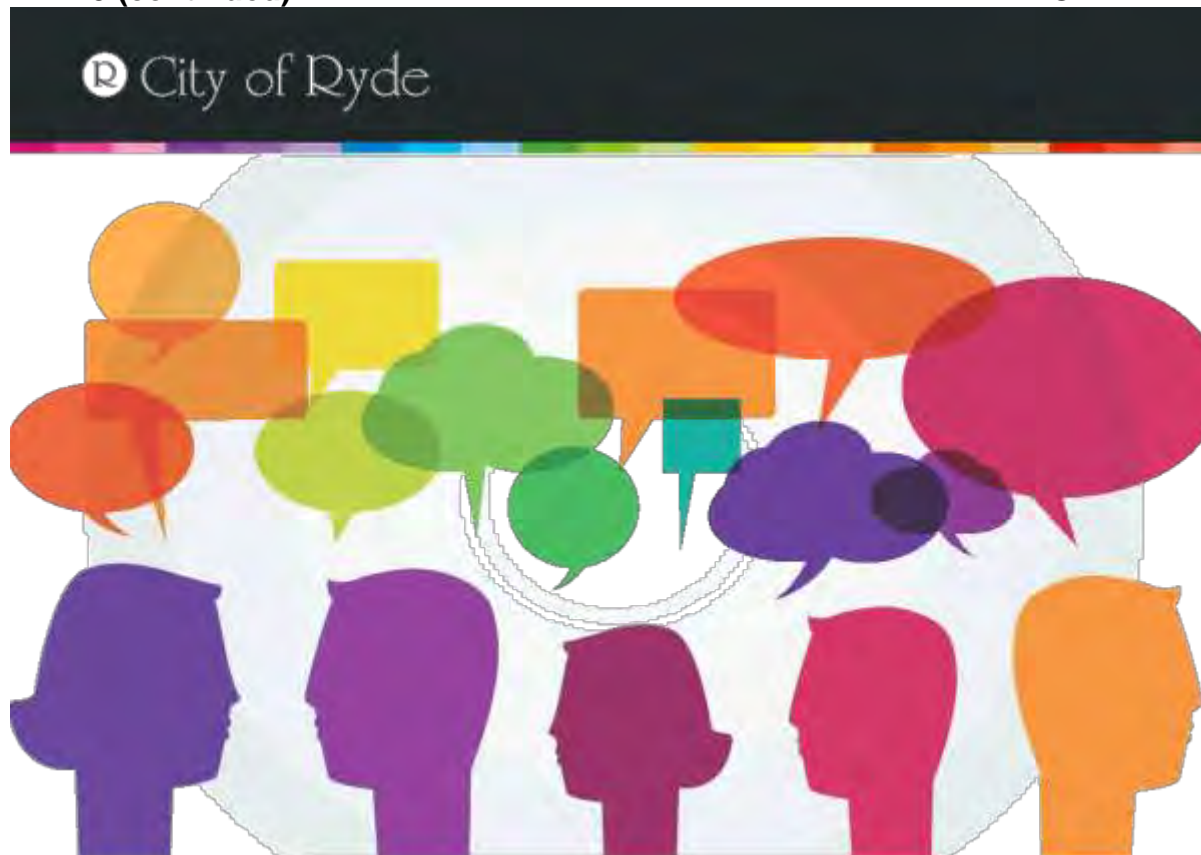
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## **Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park Masterplan**

### **Community Stakeholder Engagement Report**

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## Introduction

Council engaged Flagship Communications, a specialist stakeholder engagement company, to lead the community consultation process for the development of a Masterplan for Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park and a Plan of Management for Meadowbank Park, Meadowbank.

From 4 July to 9 July 2019, a Stage 3 stakeholder engagement process was undertaken for key stakeholders to provide their feedback on the final masterplan to be presented to Council and to ensure the masterplan addressed any technical specifications related to their sport or activity.

The following user groups attended the Stage 3 consultation:

- Eastwood Ryde Netball Association (ERNA)
- Gladesville Hornsby Football Association (GHFA)
- West Ryde Rovers Football Club (WRRFC)
- Northern Districts Cricket Association (NDCA)
- West Ryde Rovers Cricket (WRRCC)
- Sydney Oztag (Oztag)
- North West Sydney Hockey Association (Hockey)
- Dogs owners (Dogs)
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A representative from each user group attended a one-on-one meeting with Council to go through the updated masterplan based on feedback received from Stage 2 Community Consultation. Attending each of the meetings were Council representatives, Meredith Gray, Open Space Planner and Michael Longworth, Senior Coordinator - Parks Planning.

Northern Suburbs Ultimate were also invited but declined the offer to attend. They did note during a phone conversation with Council that they were happy with the additional fields, lighting and the inclusion of a synthetic field.

The North West Sydney Football Association were also invited but did not attend the meeting, however they were represented by the Gladesville Hornsby Football Association.

The following table details the comments and questions raised by each of these user groups and any related response from Council staff.



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## Engagement results

User group	Comment/question	Council response
ERNA & WRRFC	Overall we are supportive of the final masterplan.	
ERNA & WRRFC	Keeping the new parking at point 12 (Andrews Street) this is a good idea. We like that the informal parking in this area will be formalised.	
ERNA & WRRFC	Will there still be good Ambulance access to the fields?	Ambulance and maintenance access is provided across the site from multiple entry points. This has been considered across the masterplan.
ERNA & WRRFC	Will there be fencing around the synthetic field?	The masterplan does not go into this level of detail. This will be considered during detailed design.
ERNA & WRRFC	It's a great idea to move the multipurpose courts over to the regional playground area.	
ERNA & WRRFC	Are there the same number of cricket wickets?	We have tried to accommodate the wickets across the site as much as possible to benefit all sports users. The final masterplan includes five senior cricket fields, which is an increase of two senior fields.
ERNA & WRRFC	What are the sizes of the fields?	The fields are technically compliant. They aren't large, but the net gain is that we have achieved additional fields.
GHFA/ NWSWF	Overall supportive of the final masterplan design.	
GHFA/ NWSWF	We would prefer to play on anything without a wicket on it. We could comfortably play a lower grade game on them but not the higher grade ones.	
GHFA/ NWSWF	What amenities will be available?	The western amenities building will be decommissioned and integrated into the central amenities. The eastern amenities building is already a funded project. We are currently doing design and expect construction in 2020/21.
GHFA/ NWSWF	I love the riparian zone – that's fantastic.	
GHFA/ NWSWF	Has there been any comments about the size of the fields	The sizes are compliant with regulations. They are on the smaller side but this has been to fit in more fields. There is scope to adjust these sizes.
GHFA/ NWSWF	When will this go ahead?	The amenities building on the east will be one of the first stages and other upgrades will happen progressively over time (a timings map was provided to the participants). Memorial Park has separate staging
GHFA/ NWSWF	Will we be without fields when you're upgrading?	We will be overlapping projects to keep as many fields as possible available to use whilst upgrades are being completed.

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User group	Comment/question	Council response
GHFA/ NWSWF	This is good having the cricket practice nets fully enclosed.	
GHFA/ NWSWF	Football NSW have a process have a funding priority. It would be good to get some costing estimates that will allow us to insert this into their system	We are happy to support you with this. We are getting costings for this which can be shared.
GHFA/ NWSWF	We would like some thought put into naming the fields, not just numbering so that the history, including indigenous history is recognized.	The Plan of Management will address the naming and history of the site so that this is reflected across the site.
GHFA/ NWSWF	There is some skepticism that netball won't actually move	Netball are having meetings with the state government regarding this going ahead. We initially prepared two masterplans. One with the netball courts, and one without. We can revisit the plan if required.
GHFA/ NWSWF	Where you locate the amenities buildings need to be accessible for vehicles to drop off canteen equipment etc.	We have put a lot of thought into this. We will also work to have a separation between the proposed café and club canteens
GHFA/ NWSWF	Having all the fields lit will make it much easier in regards to wear and tear on the ground.	
GHFA/ NWSWF	Has there been any consideration yet to the type of trees that are going to be planted?	That will all come out in the detailed design. Plantings running east/west will be similar to what is already there and of a lower height. Larger trees will most likely be planted out along the north/south lines.
<b>NDCA &amp; WRRCC</b>	<b>Overall we are supportive of the final masterplan design</b>	
NDCA & WRRCC	We are happy that cricket has been moved off the synthetic field.	Cricket has been shifted off the synthetic field and an additional pitch has been created on the eastern side of the park. These are compliant to senior standards.
NDCA & WRRCC	The light poles may be a bit close to the fields on the eastern fields.	The final location of these will be decided at a later stage and this will be taken into consideration.
NDCA & WRRCC	Is there any opportunity to get more practice nets?	We have included as many nets as possible at this stage, however there may be room to add in additional nets to the proposed site if needed in the future. There is potential to increase the number in the existing space if this is required in the future.
NDCA & WRRCC	As part of the masterplan, can we incorporate power to the nets?	The nets will be powered and this is being investigated already separate to the masterplan process.
NDCA & WRRCC	It would be good to get purpose-built lighting for the nets.	This can be included as part of the detailed design once the masterplan is adopted.
NDCA & WRRCC	Will need to ensure that the new amenities buildings will provide adequate space for equipment for cricket clubs. Would prefer a combination lock so a code can be given out rather than 20 keys.	This will be explored during detailed design stage.



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User group	Comment/question	Council response
NDCA & WRRCC	Some cricket nets will need to be enclosed because of how close they are to the proposed synthetic fields. Blacktown International Sports Centre has an excellent design with a return on the back to stop stray balls exiting the nets. Check these out as an example.	We will add an additional point on the masterplan to identify the cricket nets as fully enclosed.
NDCA & WRRCC	Bowling machine could be stored in a range of locations at the park. It would be good to have practice area close to the nets to make it easier for coaches to have a good line of site to all kids.	
NDCA & WRRCC	One issue with having all the nets together makes it a bit hard to have people from the public using the nets at the same time as team training – could be safety issues. Sometimes members of the public get aggressive when we “take up” the nets for training.	This could be mitigated with having enclosed nets. Potential to add in some signage to indicate that the nets are booked between certain times. This could help with mitigating the aggressive behavior from some people in the public wanting to use the nets on a causal basis.
NDCA & WRRCC	Have we got room to put in a turf pitch?	Not at this stage. These requirements are currently accommodated at other parks such as Ryde Park and ELS Hall Park.
NDCA & WRRCC	Will we be able to have access to the nets all year round?	Yes.
NDCA & WRRCC	Would the pitches outside of the eastern fields remain uncovered throughout the year?	Yes.
NDCA & WRRCC	Is there any reason why Council can't build the nets earlier in the process?	This will most likely work better when the construction of the synthetic field unless the clubs can finance this.
NDCA & WRRCC	Is there potential to increase the number of nets in the existing space if needed in the future?	Yes.
<b>OZTAG</b>	<b>Overall we are supportive of the final masterplan design.</b>	
OZTAG	We are open to using the synthetic. But can we get the width expanded to fit two Oztag fields.	We could increase the width of the synthetic to get two oztag fields on the surface.
OZTAG	How close will the fencing be on the synthetic? Ideally it would be good to have 5m behind the try line.	There is currently a 3m offset which is the code. We can investigate extending this to accommodate a bigger area behind the try line.
OZTAG	Are there any cricket wickets on the fields?	Majority have the wickets are off the field except for the two on the eastern side of the park. There are no wickets on the synthetic field.
<b>HOCKEY</b>	<b>Generally we are supportive of the final masterplan.</b>	
HOCKEY	Will the fields be leveled so they are at the same height?	Yes, fields 3/4/5 and fields 10/11/12 will be on the same level and will incorporate potential sea level rise adaptation as well.
HOCKEY	Will the culvert be covered up?	No, it will be staying as is but with some basketball hoops on top of it in areas.
HOCKEY	Is the netball move still going ahead?	We believe so. However we can't convert the existing netball courts until the new site has been constructed.

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User group	Comment/question	Council response
HOCKEY	When we play on field 11, we have many walkers coming behind the fields, which can be dangerous. Games are stopped momentarily until the pedestrians are out of danger. We need to consider playing on fields where we can limit the number of pedestrian areas around the fields.	This could be addressed through fencing or netting. The masterplan is very high level. Once adopted, each stage will have detailed design which would include these mitigating factors.
HOCKEY	Presently we only use two fields concurrently (fields 12/13). We have put in an application for a field for a summer competition.	
HOCKEY	Soccer and hockey play at the same time in the season, will they both be able to use the same amenities and canteens?	This will all be factored into the final design – the amenities block will not be small and will be designed to accommodate peak levels of use.
HOCKEY	It looks great with what you've done with orienting the cricket pitches between fields.	
HOCKEY	Some of the fields look like they are different sizes.	They have been designed to accommodate the largest size requirements and other games can be played within the larger size.
HOCKEY	What are the resident's thoughts on the additional lighting?	They have been relatively supportive - most likely because it is an established regional sporting hub.
HOCKEY	We don't really like the idea of moving from our existing facilities, but if we are provided with better facilities then we will be happy with this.	Removal of the western amenities is identified for the latter stages of Masterplan delivery. In the meantime, this will remain in its current location. The new central amenities will be constructed before the removal of the western amenities, so you will not be without facilities.
<b>DOGS</b>	<b>Overall we are supportive of the final masterplan.</b>	
DOGS	We do not want the dog park fenced.	The dog park will not be fenced. We will keep it open space but will use vegetation as a delineation between the dog area and other areas. There may be a partial fence just through the garden bed along the landscaped delineation as a barrier rather than a fence.
DOGS	That's fine.	Users will not be able to use the dog park on weekend mornings for junior sport – All other times would be available for dogs 24/5 with lighting.
DOGS	Lovely!	We are looking to recognize the beach area as a dog swim area.
DOGS	This is great.	The design will include shade, seating and water. It won't be fenced.
DOGS	Im really against that car park on Andrew Street. There is a bus stop right near the entrance and the intersection with McIntosh. This will cause problems. At the moment it can take several minutes to turn out of McIntosh.	There will be a traffic study done before any work.

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User group	Comment/question	Council response
DOGS	Will there be similar shade structures like down near the skate park? Trees will take a long time to grow and this will be an issue. No one will go down there in the afternoon in summer if there is no shade.	No, it will be more natural shade with trees. There may be a few years from when the trees are planted to when the existing dog park is relocated. This may give the trees an opportunity to grow.
DOGS	The seating under the trees will be nice!	
DOGS	At the moment we can't see the dogs at night so lighting will be great.	Lighting will be progressively upgraded across the site.
DOGS	Why level the whole area?	Mainly to adapt to sea level rise and to future proof the site.
DOGS	The regional playground is fantastic! But it needs a pedestrian crossing.	This has been identified by our traffic team. There has been a crossing approved and is scheduled to be installed.
DOGS	When do you think the dog park will be relocated?	The masterplan is 20 years and the dog park upgrades are identified for the latter stages of Masterplan delivery. In the meantime, dog park will remain in it's current location.
DOGS	Given the long lead time on relocating the dog area, is there anything that can be done to increase the dog usage of the existing site now? There has been an occasional hockey match only on the site and there is scope to have a greater allocation of time to dogs.	We will take this on board and will investigate further. The Plan of Management is currently being prepared which looks at the day-to-day management and operation of the site. This also include the hours of operation which will be exhibited to the community.

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- [1] City of Ryde has developed a series of strategic documents for different types of urban spaces. The key strategic planning documents include:
- City of Ryde Long-term Strategic Plan 2016
- City of Ryde Sport & Recreation Strategy 2016-2020
- Ryde Local Land Use Plan 2013
- Meerambidge Urban Strategy Council Development Plan 2013
- City of Ryde Middle to Long Term Development Plan 2013-2020
- Ryde Community Plan 2015
- Ryde Urban Design Strategy 2017
- City of Ryde Strategic Design 2018
- City of Ryde Urban Design Strategy 2017-2020

**Project Background**

In December 2018, Jacobs Group was engaged by the City of Ryde to develop a Masterplan for Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park. With the city's growth and increasing demand on existing population within the City of Ryde local government area, there is an increasing demand for more outdoor recreational opportunities. As the largest parkland in the city, the parks have a big role to play in meeting the existing community needs.

The Masterplan was developed in response to the City of Ryde Urban Design Plan (2) and the community demands expressed in the 2018 community consultation (3). The Masterplan aims to assist the City and local community to develop other documents that will guide the development of recreational and social precincts over time.

The project area includes Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park, located to the north by Narranbidge River and Memorial Park to the west, south and east by a combination of low density and medium density residential development. The parks have multiple access points off Quinalbin Road, including from West, Hudson Street, Ross Street, James Street, Leveque Avenue, Quinalbin Road and a regional pedestrian and cycle corridor from the Ryde Memorial.

**Masterplanning Process**

The Masterplan was prepared in close collaboration with the City of Ryde Council, with input from consultation and community members. The timeline of preparing the Masterplan is illustrated in Figure 1.

Two Masterplan sessions were prepared initially for Meadowbank Park, with each focussing on the provision of natural events and leisure opportunities. Although the Masterplan reports are based on a single session, the alternative scenarios to city included in Appendix 1 for information. Due to the existing community needs, changing urban environment and social context, the Masterplan scenario will be assessed for implementation in 2020.

While the Masterplan provides an indicative scope of development, it is recognised that implementation progress will need to be monitored regularly, ensuring the plan will develop to a high level of implementation for the park development.

- City of Ryde Strategic Design Plan 2018-2020
- Ryde Local Land Use Plan (Ryde Local Land Use Plan)
- Urban Design Strategy
- City of Ryde Strategic Design (Ryde Strategic Design)
- City of Ryde Middle to Long Term Development Plan 2013-2020
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Figure 1 Masterplanning Timeline



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## 2.1 VISION

Meadowbank and Memorial Parks will be world-class green spaces with high quality facilities and amenities that will meet the current and future sporting needs of the Ryde and North Sydney community.

The parks will serve as a community hub that caters for walking for all, a diverse range of activities and leisure opportunities and improvements to active walking and cycling will ensure a broad spectrum of the Ryde Community use the Park for both active and passive recreation.

At a broader scale, the Parks will make substantial contributions to improving ecological health, increasing energy cover, increasing biodiversity and improved water quality and wastewater discharge.

## 2.2 OBJECTIVES

Developing a large scale park presents many challenges. Through our work over time, coupled with strategic management and design consultancy teams, we ensure that the park's identity and the character of a living landscape approach can be maintained over time.

The primary function of the Masterplan is to establish vision and identify the strategic elements to guide detailed design work and how the Parks provide strategic value for the local community, locally and globally for the park to adapt to future changes without compromising its identity.

The key objectives of the Masterplan include:

- Enhance the park's identity as a world purpose inspired green hub.
- Increase recreational opportunities for all the community members.
- Design a flexible open space framework that meets the current needs and is adaptable for future changes.
- Improve accessibility of the parks to a broader area.
- Create a sustainable and diverse resilient park.
- Provide a local to community, local and global green parks.

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### 2.3 LANDSCAPE FRAMEWORK

The spatial emergence of the park is defined by the palm - the primary surrounding of the central green space with four 'fingers' - the open spaces extending from the palm. While these 'fingers' of open space radiate outwards from the main green section in the palm, they are easy to access from the surrounding neighbourhoods.

The proposed open space framework takes advantage of this spatial feature, treating the main green area (the 'palm') as the primary anchor, while increasing the capacity for sport and community gathering in the palm. These small park spaces will be equipped with a range of facilities providing active outdoor living and recreation for all ages and ability groups.

The open space framework establishes the park's overall structure and layout, treating the main green area as a central 'palm' that not only provides a central development, but also allows for adaptive use to meet existing needs of the surrounding urban residential neighbourhoods.

The main features of the open space framework for Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park are illustrated in Figure 8.



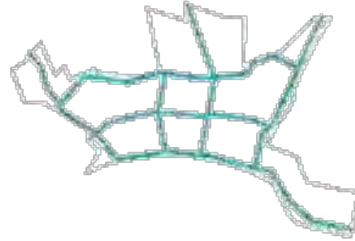
#### Activity Anchors

The main green space designed for frequent daily use, such as play, exercise, games, gathering, walking and community events.



#### Sports Green

The main green area is designed for sport fields, providing facilities space for formal sports and community events.



#### Green-blue Grid

The grid-like grid establishes the spatial movement corridor for pedestrian, cycle and vehicle. Composed of streets and footpaths, roads and bicycle paths, the grid system also provides a network for walking and cycling.



#### Paths and Courts

The paths are secondary activity anchors along the main development corridor. These spaces provide walking and sporting opportunities for games, as well as facilities for daily use, such as fitness, play, shared seating and the like.

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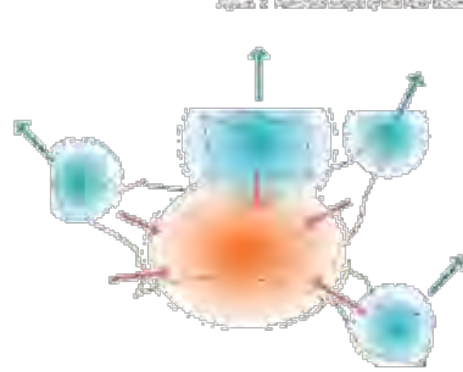


Figure 8: Palm-to-finger spatial framework

Figure 9: Palm-to-finger spatial framework

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1	Multi purpose sports field (proposed)
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3	Multi purpose sports area
4	Multi purpose sports area (existing)
5	Planned playground
6	Existing playground
7	Handicap playground
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SPORTS FACILITY RANKING		
TYPE	EXISTING	PROPOSED
Baseball field (city)	1	1
Baseball field (city)	2	2
Baseball field (city)	3	3
Baseball field (city)	4	4
Baseball field (city)	5	5
Baseball field (city)	6	6
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**Key Masterplan Components**

As the community broadly grows, one of the key challenges is to ensure that the park remains a key amenity for the community as a whole. The key priorities for the park are:

Replace the existing park with a new regional sports field

• Increase the number of multi-functional sports field and courts (Table 1)

• Provide a dedicated area for water play

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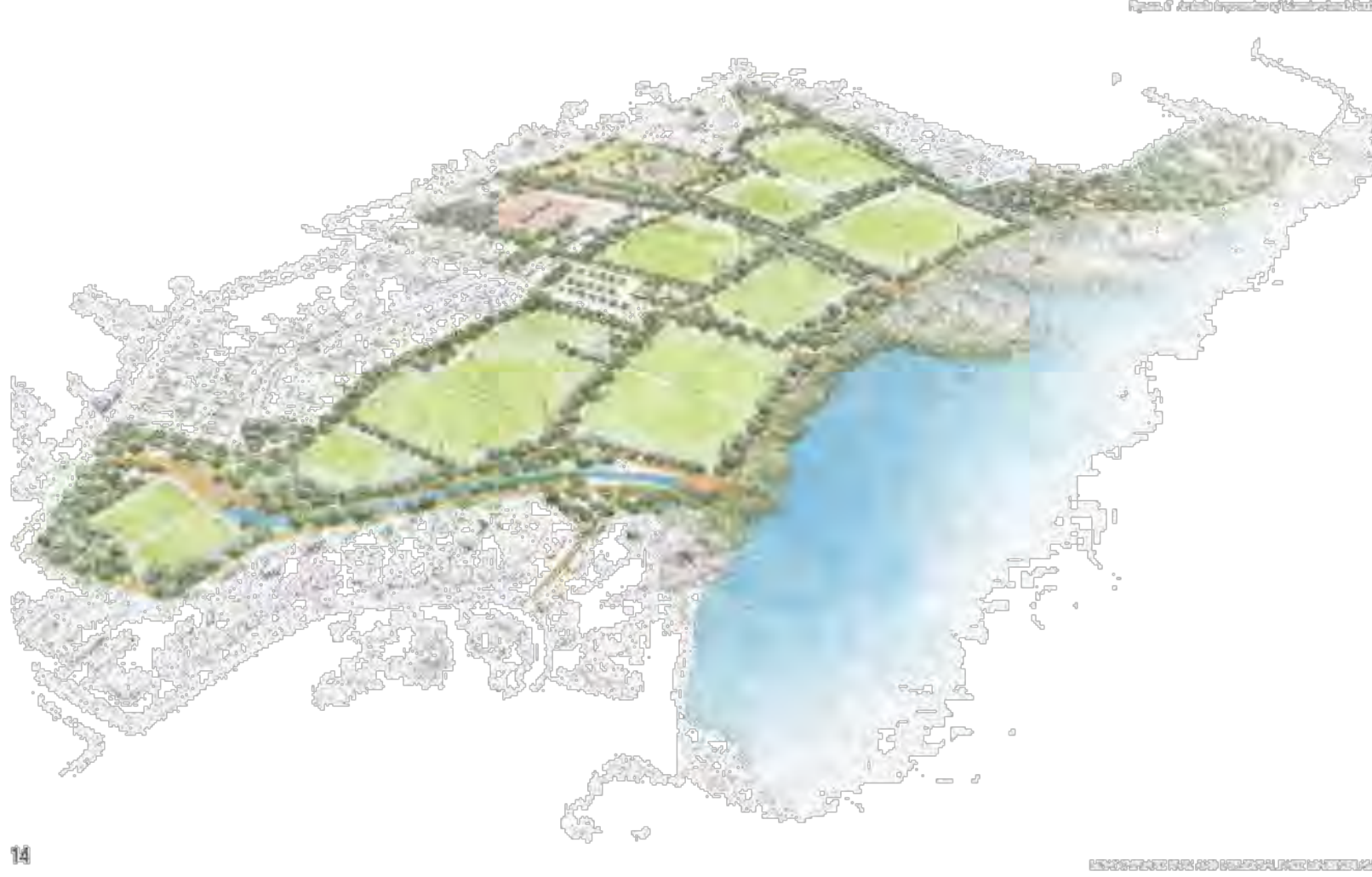
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## 4.1 PEDESTRIAN AND BIKE CIRCULATION

The key improvements of pedestrian and bike circulation are:

- The creation of a loop path to the inner edge of the sporting fields for pedestrians and shared users. The loop path connects the 100m, main access, car park, and existing paths.
- Improved east-west connections within the park. Presently, the 100m access is the only major east-west connection in the park. Two new paths are proposed to provide additional east-west connections that improve access from the surrounding neighbourhood.
- An proposed upgrade to the 100m pathway would allow it to be shared by both pedestrians and cyclists however a separate user option will be investigated.
- Increased pedestrian access points to the park. New pedestrian entries will be added on Gosford Road, New South Avenue and Meadowbank Road. Landscaping and signage will be upgraded on all pedestrian entries.
- The creation of a series of path elements travelling together for the subtypification. The elements may be coded by colour, sign, or other playful methods, and are often designed for a variety of uses, jogging, walking, riding etc.



Figure 4 Pedestrian and bike circulation figures

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## 4.2 VEHICULAR ACCESS AND PARKING

Key examples are proposed to improve the vehicular access and parking.

- Improve internal car park circulation by connecting the car parks on Concorde Road and Ashfield Street.
- Reduce on-street parking to reduce congestion. Provide parking spaces, including accessible parking, at Sydney Green neighbourhood park and regional playground.
- Improve car park interchange infrastructure new trees, signage and lighting.
- Where new access routes are proposed a traffic report will be conducted to ensure safe entry points.
- A Modified New South Wales road rule will include a drop-off.

ERRATA NUMBERS			
TITLE	EXISTING	PROPOSED	ACCESSIBLE PARKING
Ashfield Street	201	130	709
Concorde Road	125	125	709
Concorde Avenue	40	21	709
Archer Street	0	15	709
Wendy Street	50	60	709
Memorial Park	10	17	60
John William Bridge	20	20	60
Total	500	495	

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### 4.3 OPEN SPACE TYPOLOGY

The open space typologies across the park are varied, and based on the location and position of facilities, including:

#### Regional and District Playground

The regional and district playground provide diverse play and recreational opportunities for a wide range of users, from children, teens, families and adults. The spaces will serve visitors from a broader area in addition to local residents.

The facility provision may include:

- District playground with water play
- Skate park
- Shaded BBQ and picnic facilities
- Seating area
- Tables and chairs
- Café or kiosk
- Public toilet
- Loop path
- Bike route

#### Neighbourhood parks

Neighbourhood parks are designed to serve the daily recreational needs locally for the local community. They are easy to access by foot and car, and provide facilities for both active and passive recreation on a smaller scale.

The typical facility provision includes:

- Regional equipment
- Seating area
- Shaded BBQ and picnic facilities
- Walking tracks
- Bike route

#### Open playground

The vast central open space is occupied by unstructured open fields, which encourage free structured and unstructured play and games opportunities for all. The fields will also be used for community events by local groups.

The typical facility provision includes:

- Flexibility lighting

- Shaded seating area for spectators
- Outdoor power and water for users

#### Sports courts

These paved courts are designed for multiple sport games like basketball and chess sports facilities. The existing tennis courts will be upgraded to support other sports, while basketball will still be required.

The typical facility provision includes:

- Regional equipment
- Flexibility lighting
- Shaded seating area for spectators
- Bike route

#### Green Street

With its proximity to the Sydney Harbour park and central activity hub, the green street is expected to become an activity hub for regional and local users. Local sports opportunities, outdoor games, chess, tennis, community events, festival gathering, etc.

The typical facility provision includes:

- Flexible paved area for users
- Shaded seating area for education and sport spectators
- Shade structure
- Pedestrian lighting
- Drinking fountains
- Outdoor power and water for users
- Informal play and recreation opportunities
- Areas designed for informal outdoor games
- Regional picnic tables
- Bike route
- Walking tracks

#### Activity routes

Located throughout the network of recreational areas

paths, activity routes provide a series of direct facilities for education, recreation, play and sport spectators. Each activity route may provide a different range of facilities depending on its location, for example, the beach area activity routes will be mainly used for walking and relaxation, while the chess area will be used for walking and relaxation, while the chess area will be used for walking and relaxation.

The typical facility provision may include:

- Flexible paved area for users
- Shaded seating area for education and sport spectators
- Pedestrian lighting
- Informal play opportunities
- Drinking fountains
- Bike route

#### Recreation Area

The park possesses two main recreation areas, which are identified as the Surfing and Beach area and the High priority for recreation. These areas will be identified as areas to these areas. Recreation areas will be identified within the landscape boundary to show public awareness of the landscape design and recreation areas.

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### 4.4 PLANTING

The planting strategy takes into consideration of the ecological benefits, human benefits and the landscape character.

The most dominant feature in the Strategy is the greenfield, consisting of a variety of large tree species, predominantly local native. Two main planters will be used for north-south and east-west landscape respectively for diversity and legibility. Tree species selection will be in accordance with Council's preferred tree species list and be guided by human form and human impact.

An important strategy is to create planting character areas to reinforce place identity and enhance the diversity of plant communities. The main character areas include:

- **Existing Natural Area:** The main objective is to preserve the natural landscape and enhance its long-term health. Streams in highly urbanised environments, edge effects from the biggest threats to these natural areas. Only local native species presenting no harm to the existing landscape can be used in the surrounding area, and multiple intensity human activity should be limited nearby. Invasive species and plant weeds can be transported easily by wind, birds or insects into the landscape. Detailed management strategy will be carried out to remove these species.
- **Main park destinations:** Regional playground, district playground and multi-functional park. These areas are frequently used and need to accommodate a large number of different activities. The plants need to be robust, easy to maintain, as well as providing personal attractions.
- **Green edges:** The main function of these planting areas is to increase ground infiltration and reduce street stormwater runoff into the water course. The plants selection will be mainly drought and transverse tolerant species.
- **Footpaths:** Similar to the main edge planting, these green areas plant selection should characterise and reinforce the place identity. Planting areas will be filled with more native species to increase biodiversity and habitat for birds and insects. In addition, the introduction of multiple specimen plants, particularly near walking



Figure 9: Proposed Tree Strategy

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- **Super-scale:** the super-scale will provide a framework for consistent quality improvements and consistent information. It has integral components of the landscape setting with footpath or boardwalk leading through the planting areas. Additional signs and research landscape elements will be included to describe the sustainable water management system in the park. The content of super-scale will be described at detail design stage.
- **Car park:** car park planting rates and trees contribute to the overall experience and reduction of pollutants from the surface runoff. The scale will be located to new and existing car parks whenever space permits.





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## 4.5 LIGHTING

The park lighting strategy of three main components: sports field lighting, safe routes for walking and general pedestrian lighting for main activity corridors shared over parks.

All senior sports fields will be fully floodlit sports field lighting. Each field can be lit up independently depending on booking. The floodlights will be designed to minimise lighting impact on adjacent residential properties.

Another key strategy to ensure safety is to provide safe routes for walking users. Currently the Memorial Park area on the only safe route for people walking and exercising through the park. The Masterplan proposes additional three north-south safe routes linking the park to main streets (Barrack Street, Westfield Avenue and Andrew Street) and connecting the park to the main road corridor (Barrack Street).

Reputable and recommended areas will be lit by pedestrian lighting to improve safety and surveillance.

Detailed lighting design will be worked out by individual park projects. However, there are some general design principles should be taken into consideration, such as:

- consider the use of each type of light fixture and the number of light poles;
- consider the impact of lighting tree canopy over time;
- minimise upward light pollution, using LED light for better lighting control and energy savings; and
- avoid over lighting of the park by checking priority areas for lighting.



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#### 4.6 SUSTAINABILITY

The *Management and the Environment* symposium is a unique event and brings many interesting subjects and speakers to the attention of the symposium audience. In the urban ecosystems and agriculture natural habitat, there are many different types of ecosystems (urban, agricultural, natural, etc.) and the symposium is a unique event and brings many interesting subjects and speakers to the attention of the symposium audience. In the urban ecosystems and agriculture natural habitat, there are many different types of ecosystems (urban, agricultural, natural, etc.) and the symposium is a unique event and brings many interesting subjects and speakers to the attention of the symposium audience.

- **harden down water table by dewatering**
- **install dewatering system to lower water table around foundation as water table**
- **install primary system for water collection**
- **install secondary system to pump water to safe area of land where possible to ensure ground stability**
- **Explore opportunities for grey water recycling and groundwater for use in toilet flushing**
- **Install infiltration systems to increase the permeability and storage of topsoil and water storage in the park**

- **Plasma** is the **liquid component** of the **extracellular fluid** of **blood** that **carries** **nutrients** and **oxygen** to **other** **cells** in the **body**. It **contains** **proteins**, **glucose**, **amino acids**, **lipids**, **vitamins**, **minerals**, and **water**. It **is** **the** **medium** in which **cells** **live** and **exchange** **materials** with **the** **environment**.
- **Whole blood** is the **liquid** **portion** of **blood** that **contains** **red blood cells**, **white blood cells**, and **platelets**. It **is** **the** **medium** in which **cells** **live** and **exchange** **materials** with **the** **environment**.
- **Interstitial fluid** is the **liquid** **portion** of **blood** that **contains** **proteins**, **glucose**, **amino acids**, **lipids**, **vitamins**, **minerals**, and **water**. It **is** **the** **medium** in which **cells** **live** and **exchange** **materials** with **the** **environment**.
- **Extracellular fluid** is the **liquid** **portion** of **blood** that **contains** **proteins**, **glucose**, **amino acids**, **lipids**, **vitamins**, **minerals**, and **water**. It **is** **the** **medium** in which **cells** **live** and **exchange** **materials** with **the** **environment**.

- ☐ Higher opportunity costs.
- ☐ Reduced labor costs.
- ☐ Low costs.
- ☐ Better health and safety for workers and consumers.
- ☐ Better productivity from eating more.

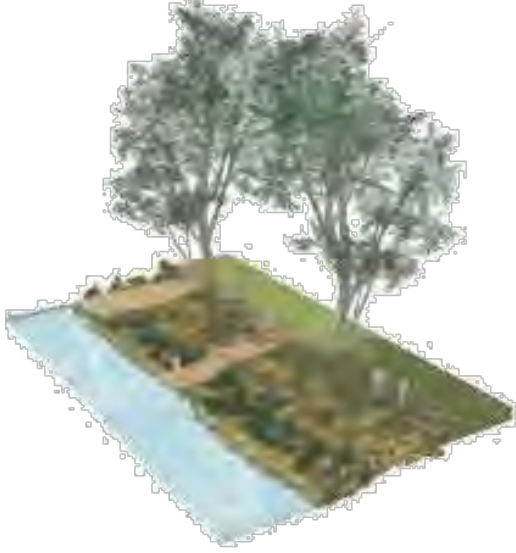
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FIGURE 2-20: PARK AND MEADOWBANK DESIGN IDEAS

### Naturalisation

Recreate the existing cleared landscape land shape profile, with vegetated sloped embankment and natural permeable bottom.



### Bioswale

Recreate the top section of the concrete embankment with bioswale. Natural stones are used for constructing the bioswale to increase permeability and aesthetic.



### Narrow Bioswale

Narrow bioswale strips can also be used between where space is restricted. The top section of the concrete channel will be replaced with bioswale plants integrated with permeable bottom. Natural stones and permeable paving materials on the outer edges will provide additional infiltration.

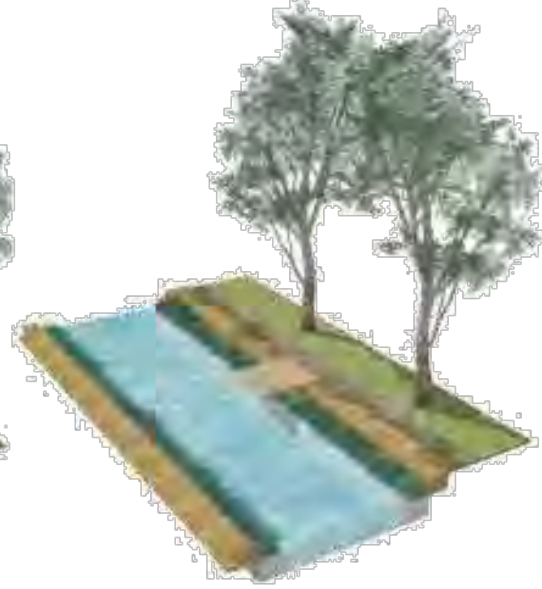


Figure 2-21 Examples of Naturalised Stream Design

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## 4.7 CLIMATE RESILIENCE

Meadowbank Park has been identified as being highly vulnerable to sea level change in climate change scenarios and vulnerability mapping conducted by the City of Ryde. The likely and major consequence of sea level change will be the loss of some of primary recreation space and therefore proposed parklands mitigation measures.

In the course of preparing the Strategy, climate change resilience analysis was undertaken to assess the sporting fields and to assess all accommodate projected 2050 sea level change. As outlined by NSW Government Coastal Planning Guidelines (2014) a sea level rise scenario figure of 40cm by 2050 has been adopted. Proposed upgrades include:

- Raised field and open sports fields to meet a minimum of 0.3m (existing Mound 10) above the water level has been increased 40cm to match projected 2050 sea level change figure.

- A proposed open field above the North West field.

As the scope of this Masterplan is 20 years, future sea level rise for beyond this are recommended to include:

- The existing Meadowbank Park would be extended to account for water level rise.
- The 3 existing mounds will be raised and adjusted as well.





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## 4.8 MAINTENANCE AND EMERGENCY ACCESS

### Maintenance Paths and Emergency Access Points

The maintenance strategy for the parkland allows for gaps in tree cover, existing and proposed entry points, and clearly defined pathways allowing maintenance vehicles and emergency vehicles (e.g. ambulances) to easily access all areas of the park.



Figure 4.8 Maintenance Strategy

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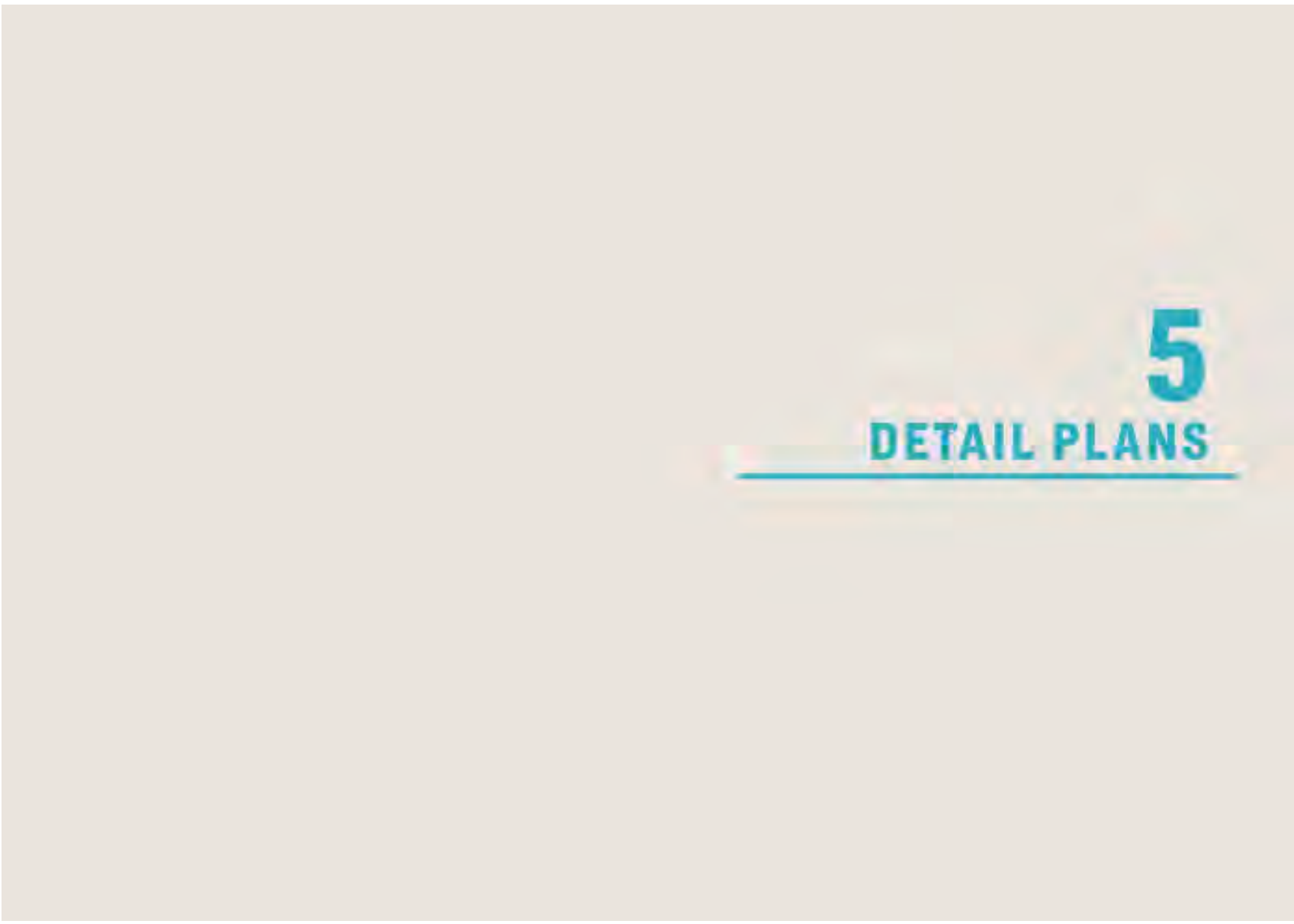
**4.9 STAGING**

The masterplan for Meadowbank and Memorial Park will be delivered over 20 years. The proposed works will occur in a sequential and logical order providing benefits and flexibility over time.



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1. Create play opportunities through topographic variation
2. Integrate tree shade and natural materials in play space
3. Integrate seating area on landscape
4. Rugged terrain
5. Water play element through topographic variation
6. Integrate play area with adjacent seating and open play area
7. Create seating area on landscape
8. Create seating area on landscape

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1. Turf mound, shaded by trees and palms
2. Family seating area overlooking green
3. Play elements
4. Play structure
5. Water play with seating, planting and shade trees
6. Children's and family seating area



Figure 17: Envisioned Play area and Seating

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Figure 49 Artistic Impression of Meadowbank

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1. A play space integrated into the central sitting
2. Small gathering space
3. Tables and benches shaded by trees
4. Interactive natural play elements
5. Paved loop path for walking, jogging and mobility
6. Low height exercise equipment suitable for all-age groups



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1. Junior sporting field in the central location of the oval park
2. Family gathering space adjacent to the sporting fields
3. Soft playground for younger children
4. Paved high-density park for additional space opportunities
5. Paved play area including concrete station



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Figure 21. Meadowbank and Memorial Park Site Plan

1. One car park with accessible parking, existing trees retained
2. Open sports field and main playing area
3. Fencing, picnic tables, facilities, playground area, water area, seating for family gathering and open play area
4. Sports area
5. Accessible building
6. Sports area, existing concrete structure, water area, seating for family gathering
7. Accessible playground

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1. Retain water edge with riparian vegetation
2. Shaded path bordered by native grasses
3. Water edge stabilized by natural stone terracing
4. Reinforce bridge

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Figure 24 Meadowbank Garden

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1. Provide walking paths for sport spectators
2. Provide game facilities for village games
3. Provide paved area for organised community events
4. Provide space for community events, such as annual sports events
5. Provide area for community social gathering

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1. Provide path landscape water seating amenity
2. Use natural landscape materials to create amenity seating
3. Use stone to create over 100m of seating
4. Use stone to create seating



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### Park User Experience

This section illustrates some hypothetical scenarios of park visitors' experience in the park, including activities, facilities and people of various age groups.

These scenarios were suggested at early stage of preparing the Masterplan, in order to understand the needs of different user groups, and facilities needed to enrich the user experience.

For instance, biodiversity was a priority. If a park that would be suitable for the city. Through this study, it became evident that a place which was good for people to take a rest, and enjoyed and which would not only support the existing users, but may also benefit many other park users on daily basis.

The study also leads to the strategy of creating nodes and corridors within the park network. In the largest sports field in the region, it was suggested to create nodes and corridors in a way that connects throughout the Masterplan. These paths of various lengths will be needed to encourage jogging, walking and fun riding. The activity nodes are carefully located to promote purposes and interests along the whole park.



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User Profile

Age	Seniors/Active
Gender	Male/Female
Residence	Urban



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User Profile

Who	Adults & Children
When	Afternoon
How often	Regularly





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User Profile

Who	Young Professionals
When	Early Morning
How Often	Week



Figure 24 Site Plan - Ryde Park



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User Profile

Who	Primary School children
When	Weekend School holidays
How to arrive	Public transport/Ryde bus





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## ALTERNATIVE MASTERPLAN SCENARIO

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**Alternative Masterplan Scenario**

Two Masterplan scenarios were prepared for this report. The recommended Masterplan with associated facilities has been outlined earlier in this report.

This alternative Masterplan with related facilities has been included for reference only. Due to existing community needs, changing circumstances and political groups the alternative Masterplan is not being recommended.

The key points of differentiation between the alternative Masterplan scenario and the recommended Masterplan scenario include:

- Refers to the central area of the park, and removes the zone number from Z3 to Z3.
- Includes a multi-functional sports centre, which also serves as a park of the future with a park. The centre is subject to other funding and planning.

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1	Revised central area with special landscape
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Figure 2: Meadowbank and Memorial Park Masterplan

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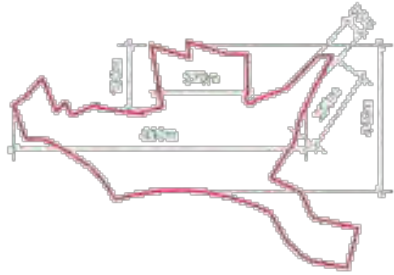
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**10.1 SIZE COMPARISON**



Meadowbank Park



Jubilee Park



Warburton Park



Prince Alfred Park



Stawell Riverside Park



Sydney Park

Figure 10.1 Size Comparison - Each Site



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Rhodesian black and brown antbats are found on the southern portion of the tip of Fynbos Island, whereas the Cape Colony Free-tailed Bat is found on the surface edge. The black antbat is found on the grassland, with the brown antbat found on forest. The Cape Colony Free-tailed Bat is found on the forest edge, with the black antbat found on the forest edge.



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The parts are also connected to a wider one by type Flange 20, a tapered hexagonal flange part, which allows the parts to be secured by the same fastener.



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## 10.4 FLORA AND FAUNA

The site consists mostly of open grass, turf and long grass fields, and a large area of hard paved surface in the south west corner used for parked cars.

There are significant mounds of mangrove along the southern edge bordering the Forster foreshore, and an area of native bushland to the western corner of Meadowbank Park, and a large mound in Meadowbank Park. Mangroves are the pathway to the perimeter of Uddi, but as mangroves are provided here in the way of Uddi.

The existing areas of mangrove and native grasses to be protected, and enhanced where possible through improvements to determine mangroves and native vegetation. New trees are proposed to be planted within the site to create additional canopy cover and habitat corridors along the roads and in areas of vegetation, as well as in the park and hard paved areas to reduce the heat island effect.





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## 10.5 CIRCULATION

A new path library that responds to public transport services, key medical points, and regional equity and production needs should be implemented across the parts. Expectation for additional crossings over the same number channels should be re-evaluated to better connect the parts in the future.





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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMORIAL PARK DESIGN TEAM

## 10.6 PARK PROGRAMS

The primary use of Memorial Park is for open, with several areas dedicated for play and fitness. There is limited flexible congregation space and seating with shelter for parkgoers.

Memorial Park is planned as a parkgoers park space with areas of seating and open play areas. There is also a green play space. Also for fitness in Memorial Park should not compete with the park's character of the park.



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A summary of the comments to the Memorandum are presented on the Slides to the right.



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**COUNCIL REPORT APPENDIX**

**MEADOWBANK AND MEMORIAL PARK MASTERPLAN**

**History of Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park**

- **1907:** Meadowbank Park proclaimed; controlled by Meadowbank Park Trust
- **1913:** Park controlled by Meadowbank Park Trust expanded.
- **1921:** First World War obelisk unveiled (in park now known as Memorial Park)
- **1924:** Ryde Municipal Council donated land south of Ross Smith Avenue (separate to that controlled by the Meadowbank Park Trust)
- **1925:** Ryde Municipal Council acquires land from former Bennett Estate (separate to that controlled by the Meadowbank Park Trust)
- **1925/1926:** In Park controlled by Meadowbank Park Trust, baths constructed on Parramatta River (in park now known as Memorial Park)
- **Nov 1926:** Park controlled by Meadowbank Park Trust expanded.
- **August 1927:** Meadowbank Park that was formerly controlled by Meadowbank Park Trust handed to Council of the Municipality of Ryde
- **1928:** Council decided location for tennis courts to be erected.
- **By 1930:** Three concrete cricket pitches had been laid down, with council's intent to lay put down two more.
- **1930-1934:** Unemployment relief schemes during the Depression engaged local unemployed men on public works projects, including upgrades and improvements in Meadowbank and Memorial Parks. In 1932, five cricket or football areas were layout, and when completed the park was to be one of the most up to date in the suburbs. Other works filling and formalisation of sports ovals, creek excavation, stone retaining walls, extension of wall to footbridge at Charity Creek.
- **1931:** Cumberland Ladies Association played ladies baseball at Meadowbank Park.
- **1939 – early 1940's:** Creation of drains, stormwater channels on Archers Creek, Smalls Creek and Charity Creek as well as the seawall which would then allow for the reclamation of land behind it. The 1943 aerial photograph shows the existence of the stormwater channels and seawall.
- **1943:** Meadowbank Baths closed due to disrepair and proximity to factories on the river.
- **1961 – 1965:** major reclamation work was undertaken on the river frontage which resulted in the extension of the Meadowbank Park to the south. This formed the current park boundary, now occupied by the Ryde RiverWalk. Additional sports fields were constructed on this former fill site. The current Tennis Centre was also built.
- **1960's:** Section of Meadowbank Park containing the war memorials began being known as Memorial Park.
- **1964:** Women's hockey commenced at Meadowbank Park.
- **1966:** Elephant Races held in Meadowbank Park. Photos indicate the existence of the current eastern amenities building.
- **1969:** Council acknowledged women's sports including hockey and basketball (now known as netball) was to be played in the western section of Meadowbank Park.
- **1970:** Western amenities building constructed.
- **1972:** L.H. Waud Field was opened and named after Lester Harry Waud, a long serving volunteer from West Ryde Rovers Sports Club.
- **Early 1970's:** Four netball courts present on eastern side of park.
- **1974:** Grass netball courts located on current fields 7 and 8.
- **After 1977:** Hockey field was named Tory Wicks Memorial Playing Field, a long standing volunteer from the Women's Hockey Association.
- **1978:** Central amenities building constructed.
- **1970's – early 1980's:** Car parks off Constitution Rd and Adelaide St constructed.



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- **1984:** Memorial Park officially recognised by the Geographic Names board.
- **1990:** Netball hardcourt initially constructed and subsequently expanded in following decades. Courts named after, Norma Woods a long serving volunteer from Eastwood Ryde Netball Association.
- **1993:** Central amenities building extended to include office/meeting rooms (leased by Eastwood Ryde Netball Association) and subsequently named after Anne Doring, a long serving volunteer from Eastwood Ryde Netball Association.
- **2000:** Sydney 2000 Olympic Games 'park and ride' operated in temporary car park constructed on Fields 2 and 3.
- **2001:** Generic Plan of Management adopted which currently includes Meadowbank Park.
- **2008:** Ryde RiverWalk officially opened.
- **2008, 2010 and 2014:** Additional netball hardcourts installed.
- **2018:** The NSW Government announced funding commitment to relocate netball from Meadowbank Park to the site currently occupied by Marsden High School.
- **2019:** Parramatta River Parklands Plan of Management prepared including Memorial Park. Adoption currently pending Ministerial approval.
- **2019:** Meadowbank Skate Park opened.



*Image 1: pre-1926 Meadowbank Baths in site now known as Memorial Park*



*Image 2: 1930 aerial photograph of the Parks*

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*Image 3: 1943 aerial photograph of the Parks*



*Image 4: 1951 aerial photograph of the Parks*

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*Image 5: 1956 aerial photograph of the Parks*



*Image 6: 1961 aerial photograph of the Parks*



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*Image 7: 1965 aerial photograph of the Parks*



*Image 8: Meadowbank Park – before the sportsground at L.H. Waud field was established.  
Image 9: 1972 Program for the official opening of L.H. Waud sportsground.*



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*Image 10:1970 aerial photograph of the Parks*



*Image11:1975 aerial photograph of the Parks*

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*Image 12:1982 aerial photograph of the Parks*



*Image 13:1995 aerial photograph of the Parks*



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*Image 14: 2001 aerial photograph of the Parks*



*Image 15: 2019 aerial photograph of the Parks*

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# MEADOWBANK PARK

## DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

*Managing our largest regional sports park through enhanced sporting, cultural and natural diversity and opportunity*

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

### What is a Plan of Management

A Plan of Management provides the framework for and guides the management of public land that is owned or managed by a Council. It identifies issues affecting public land, and sets out how that land is intended to be used, managed, maintained and enhanced in the future.

A Plan of Management is required to be prepared for public land which is owned by a Council and classified as community land under the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Plans of Management are also prepared for Crown land under the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*, Section 3.23(6) of the Act states that Plans of Management for Crown land are to be prepared and adopted in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1993*.

Plans of Management for Community land and Crown land may take either of three forms:

- a generic plan which covers a number of sites where the attributes and values of the land are similar, such as for a particular category of community land.
- a significant area plan which covers a particular site where management issues and values may be more complex and require a site-specific focus.
- a geographic plan which covers a particular area such as a river or creek foreshore, bushland corridor, or similar.

The Meadowbank Park Plan of Management is a specific plan that covers the Community land and Crown land as set out in this document.

### About this Plan of Management

This Plan of Management has been prepared to guide how the City of Ryde manages Meadowbank Park. It outlines important features of the parkland, current issues, objectives and proposed strategies to guide future development.

The land this Plan applies to includes Community land owned by the City of Ryde and Crown land owned by the NSW State Government. They are managed under the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*. This Plan integrates management practices for both Community land and Crown land, and takes into account feedback from the community obtained through the community consultation process.

### Relationship Between Plan of Management and Masterplan

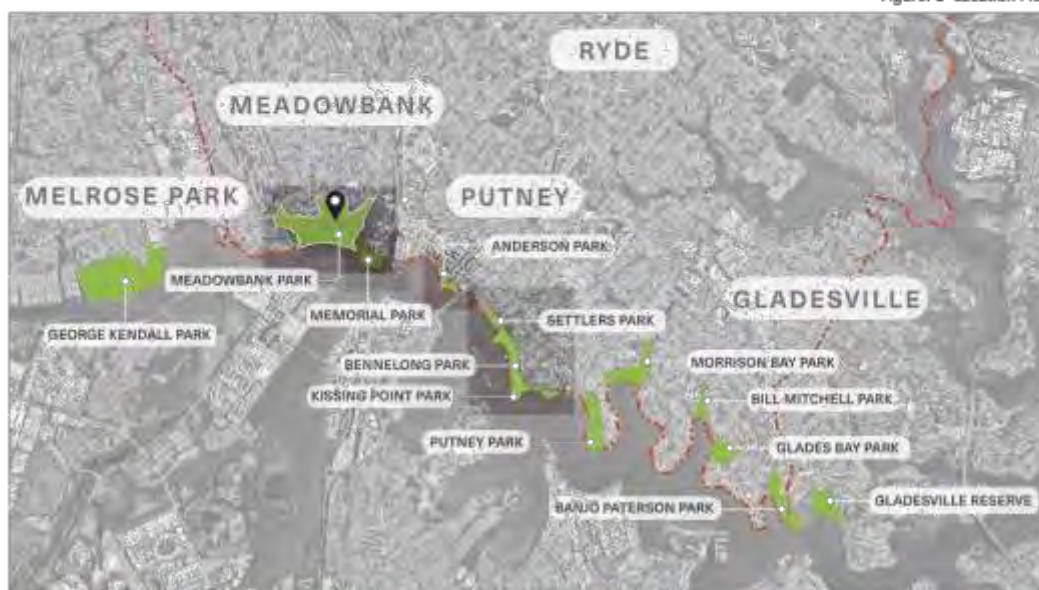
A Plan of Management is typically accompanied by a landscape Masterplan that show proposed on-the-ground changes to that open space.

While this Plan of Management will provide the framework for how Meadowbank Park will be used, managed and maintained on an ongoing basis, the Meadowbank Park Masterplan identifies the provision of facilities over the next 20 years to ensure sustainable and efficient use of resource, and more importantly, that the Park meet the needs of the community and stakeholders. The Masterplan can be found at Appendix A.

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Figure. 1 Location Plan



RiverWalk Sign



RiverWalk

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## 2. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Consultation is an important part of the process in preparing a Plan of Management. Consultation that has occurred with projects directly relevant to this plan of management includes the following:

The *Local Government Act 1993* requires that prior to final adoption the draft Plan of Management must be placed on public exhibition for at least 28 days. The period in which written submissions can be received is not less than 42 days from the first day of public exhibition. In addition, a public hearing must be held, in accordance with the requirements of Sections 40(A) and 47(G) of the Act if Community land is intended to be either categorised or recategorised.

It is also required by *Crown Land Management Act 2016* that a copy of the draft Plan of Management in accordance with the *Local Government Act 1993* (S39.1) needs to be sent to the Minister for Lands and Forestry to get his approval prior to it being placed on public exhibition.

**Methods of engagement included:**

Park signage, posters, stakeholder emails, eNewsletters, Council website, Have Your Say webpage, flyers and letterbox drops, print advertisements, social media including Facebook and Twitter, drop in sessions, stakeholder interviews/meetings and intercept surveys.

**Stakeholder engagement included:**

General community, sporting user groups, park users, residents local to Meadowbank Park, lessees of council facilities in Meadowbank Park, personal trainers, active seniors, walking and cycling groups, school groups, bushcare, heritage and other special interest groups.

**Community Engagement Program:**

The following community engagement has been undertaken for the development of this Plan:

Date	Community Engagement
15 October 2018 – 4 November 2018	<b>Stage 1 Community Consultation – Masterplan and Plan</b> including Community Drop In Sessions on Monday 22 October 2018, Wednesday 24 October 2018 and Saturday 27 October 2018.  Over 4,700 comments were received from over 750 stakeholders.
3 April 2019 – 19 May 2019	<b>Stage 2 Community Consultation – Masterplan and Plan of Management</b> including Community Drop In Sessions on Wednesday 1 May 2019 and Saturday 4 May 2019  Over 970 comments/submissions were received from over 965 stakeholders.
TBC	<b>Approval from the Minister of Lands and Forestry</b> to public exhibit the draft Plan of Management
TBC	<b>Public Exhibition of draft Plan of Management</b>
TBC	<b>Adoption by Council</b>

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## **3. VISION AND OBJECTIVES**

### **3.1 Vision for Parks in the City of Ryde**

Management of Meadowbank Park will reflect the vision for the City of Ryde:

**'The place to be for lifestyle and opportunity @ your doorstep'**

and Council's Commitment for Open Space Statement in the City of Ryde

(Integrated Open Space Plan 2012):

'We have ample, accessible open space to meet our needs, shared and enjoyed by us all, founded on a healthy natural environment, conserving our own rich history, culture and local character and managed sustainably now and for future generations.'

### **3.2 Council Objectives for Parks in the City of Ryde**

Council's objectives for parks and open spaces in City of Ryde are based on the outcomes of community engagement for the Community Strategic Plan 2018 which are:

#### **Our active and healthy city**

##### **Enhanced recreational spaces**

Provide opportunities and choice for recreation and active learning and living by:

- planning for expanded sport, recreation, leisure facilities to provide a range of choices for our community to achieve active and healthy lifestyles.
- maintaining and promoting Ryde's great public spaces, parks, community venues, libraries, sporting facilities and clubs.
- ensuring they are easy to access and safe, and provide diverse opportunities for everyone to meet, play, learn and connect.

#### **Well targeted services**

Strengthen community life, connectedness and wellbeing by:

- actively connecting with the community to promote activities and services that are available throughout the City of Ryde.
- continuing to build and enhance services, including those supporting our residents at different stages of their lives.
- working with our partners to encourage healthy, active lifestyles and social connections.



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## 4. BENEFITS AND ROLES OF PARKS IN CITY OF RYDE

### Benefits and roles of parks in City of Ryde

The opportunity to experience parkland and to participate in recreational and other activities in parks is a benefit to individuals and to the community for many reasons as outlined below. It is therefore important to preserve parks and to plan their future improvement and maintenance.

Meadowbank Park provides many benefits to the community, including:

#### Personal and Individual Benefits

Participation in recreation activities in parks can:

- reduce physical health problems, including cardiovascular disease and lower back pain.
- improve psychological wellbeing through reducing stress, anxiety and depression.
- increase personal development, self-esteem, self-confidence and sense of achievement through developing skills.
- provide intangible psychological benefits such as happiness, enjoyment, satisfaction and spiritual experiences through participation in physical exercise.

It is widely recognised that participation in sport, recreation and leisure pursuits is critical to the health and wellbeing of individuals, and that physical inactivity is an independent risk factor for a number of health conditions.

#### Social and Community Benefits

Participation in recreation activities in parks can:

- strengthen social bonds at the local community level through involvement of volunteers in recreation, and by local residents meeting each other in recreational settings.
- help children make friends, increase their sense of belonging and fitting in, limit the amount of time they spend with no direction, work in groups and think of others.

- maintain and strengthen family relationships by joint involvement in recreational activities.
- increase social inclusion and connectedness through participation and volunteering.
- promote appreciation and understanding of people with disabilities and their carers and families through participating in mainstream activities.
- lessen boredom and the amount of unsupervised leisure time spent by young people which can sometimes lead to the incidence of crime, vandalism and anti-social behaviour. The Australian Institute of Criminology has shown that youth crime can be prevented and the likelihood of re-offending can be reduced by involving young people in active recreation.

#### Environmental Benefits

Parks and open space can:

- contribute to wildlife corridors allowing animals to move between habitats and refuges.
- reestablish and enrich our flora, fauna and biodiversity values
- offer protected natural settings for physical activity and visual pleasure. Looking out over natural spaces and green spaces gives visual relief from urban development.
- with shade trees help with cooling the urban heat island.
- encourage people to walk and cycle rather than using cars, which improves air quality.
- improve water quality, refine storm water management and anchor our Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) principles.

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**Economic Benefits**

Opportunities for participation in recreation in parks result in:

- economic benefits from the development of recreational facilities, production and sale of related goods and services, and employment of people in the recreation and sport industry.
- significant savings in health costs, allowing such funds to be redirected into other areas of health services.
- gains in workforce productivity through physical activity resulting in a healthier workforce.
- attraction of tourists and visitors for events held in parks.
- increased property values adjacent to or near parks, resulting in financial benefits to the property owner/developer, and higher land tax contributions to the community.
- improved work performance and productivity, decreased absenteeism and staff turnover, and reduced work accidents.



Meadowbank Skate Park Aerial

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## 5. LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

### 5.1 Local Government Act 1993

The *NSW Local Government Act (1993)* provides the legislative framework for Council's day to day operations. The Act identifies Council's responsibility to actively manage land and to involve the community in developing a strategy for management.

The *NSW Local Government Act (1993)* requires all community lands to be covered by a Plan of Management that must identify:

*Table. 1 Requirements of Local Government Act 1993 and Reference to this Plan*

Requirements of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>	Relevant Sections in Act	Reference to this Plan
<b>Requirements of plans of management for community land that is not owned by the council</b>		
Category of the land	36(3)(a)	Section 8
Objectives and performance targets of the Plan with respect to the land	36(3)(b)	Section 13
Means by which the Council proposes to achieve the Plan's objectives and performance targets	36(3)(c)	Section 13
Manner in which the Council proposes to assess the objectives and performance targets	36(3)(d)	Section 13
Describe the condition of the land, and of any buildings or other improvements on the land, as the adoption of the Plan	36(3A)(a)(i)	Section 7.3
Describe the use of the land and at any such buildings or improvements, as at adoption of the Plan	36(3A)(a)(ii)	Section 9
Specify the purposes for which the land, and any such buildings or improvements, will be allowed to be used	36(3A)(b)(i)	Section 9
Specify the purposes for which any further development of the land will be permitted, whether under lease or licence or otherwise	36(3A)(b)(ii)	Section 9
Describe the scale and intensity of any such permitted use or development	36(3A)(b)(iii)	Section 9

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*Requirements of Local Government Act 1993  
and Reference to this Plan (continued)*

Requirements of the <i>Local Government Act 1993</i>	Relevant Sections in Act	Reference to this Plan
<b>Requirements of plans of management for community land that is not owned by the council</b>		
Must identify the owner of the land, and	36(a)	Section 5
Must state whether the land is subject to any trust, estate, interest, dedication, condition, restriction or covenant	36(b)	Section 5
Must state whether the use or management of the land is subject to any condition or restriction imposed by the owner	36(c)	Section 5
Must not contain any provisions inconsistent with anything required to be stated by paragraph (a), (b) or (c)	36(d)	
<b>Public notice of draft plans of management</b>		
A council must give public notice of a draft plan of management	38(1)	
The period of public exhibition of the draft plan must be not less than 28 days.	38(2)	
The public notice must also specify a period of not less than 42 days after the date on which the draft plan is placed on public exhibition during which submissions may be made to the council	38(3)	
The council must, in accordance with its notice, publicly exhibit the draft plan together with any other matter which it considers appropriate or necessary to better enable the draft plan and its implications to be understood	38(4)	
<b>Notice to owner of draft plan of management</b>		
Before giving public notice of a draft plan of management in accordance with section 38, the council must forward a copy of the draft plan to the person who owns or controls the land if the land is not owned by the council.	39(1)	
The council must include in the draft plan any provisions that may properly be required by the person who owns or controls the land.	39(2)	



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**5.2 Crown Land Management Act 2016**

*The Crown Land Management Act 2016* assigns certain functions to Council managers.

As a Crown Land Manager Council is authorised to classify and manage its dedicated or reserved Crown land as if it were public land within the meaning of the **Local Government Act 1993**. Dedicated or reserved Crown land may be used only for the following purposes:

- the purposes for which it is dedicated or reserved, or
- any purpose incidental or ancillary to a purpose for which it is dedicated or reserved, or
- any purpose specified in a Plan of Management for the land, or
- any other purposes authorised by an Act.

However, Council may grant short term licences for over dedicated or reserved Crown land for any prescribed purpose under Section 2.20 of the **Crown Land Management Act 2016**. Generally, when managing dedicated or reserved Crown land, and for the purposes of this Plan of Management, Council:

(a) must manage the land as if it were community land under the **Local Government Act 1993**, and

(b) has for that purpose all the functions that a local council has under that Act in relation to community land (including in relation to the leasing and licensing of community land).

Council must also manage Crown land in accordance with Part 8 of the **Crown Land Management Act 2016** in relation to native title (refer to Section 5.3)

In the case of Meadowbank Park, the Department of Industry, Crown Lands has assigned the Purpose of Public Recreation. This purpose must align with the park's intended use. The categorisation of the land must also align with this purpose.

Meadowbank Park has multiple categorisations (refer to The Meadowbank Park Land Categorisation Map on page 41) within the one park and the Plan of Management enables the management of these areas in accordance with their use.

**5.3 Native Title**

Section 8.7 of the **Crown Land Management Act 2006** requires Council to obtain the advice of a Native Title Manager that it complies with any applicable provisions of the native title legislation prior to :

- granting leases, licences, permits, forestry rights, easements or rights of way over Crown land.
- approve (or submit for approval) a plan of management for Crown land that authorises or permits specific dealings.

This requirement does not apply to 'excluded land', which includes:

- land subject to a determination under the **Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)** that native title rights and interests have been extinguished or do not exist
- land where the native title rights and interests have been compulsorily acquired
- land for which a 'native title certificate' is in effect.

A native title certificate can be issued by the Minister for Lands and Forestry where there is adequate evidence to show that native title rights and interest for the land have been extinguished or do not exist. The issue of a native title certificate does not affect rights under the **Native Title Act 1993 (Cth)**.

Under Section 8.8 of the **Crown Land Management Act 2016**, Council has given notice via resolution to the Minister for Lands and Forestry that Lands Advisory Services Pty Ltd has been engaged as Native Title Manager for the City of Ryde.

Advice from Council's Native Title Manager has been obtained at the time of preparation and finalisation of this Plan of Management.

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**5.4 Public Works**

In the case of delivery plans for Crown land that involve the establishment of a public work, it is a requirement of the *Native Title Act 1993* that the City of Ryde notify NTSCORP\* Limited, the Native Title Service Provider for Aboriginal Traditional Owners in New South Wales, and provide them with the opportunity to comment.

The *Native Title Act 1993* defines a public work as:

(a) Any of the following that is constructed or established by or on behalf of the Crown, or a local government body or other statutory authority of the Crown, in any of its capacities:

- (i) A building, or any other structure (including a memorial), that is a fixture; or
- (ii) A road, railway or bridge; or
- (iia) Where the expression is used in or for the purposes of Division 2 or 2A of Part 2-a stock-route; or
- (iii) A well, or bore, for obtaining water; or
- (iv) Any major earthworks; or

(b) A building that is constructed with the authority of the Crown, other than on a lease.

On Crown land where it is proposed to construct or establish a public work:

- which has not been specifically detailed in the following action plans, and
- is on reserved or dedicated land, where native title is not extinguished,

Prior to approval Council will notify and give an opportunity to comment any representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander bodies, registered native title bodies, corporate and registered native title claimants in relation to the land or waters covered by the reservation or lease as required under the *Native Title Act 1993*.

Where a proposed update of a Park Masterplan or any other plan is the approving documentation for a public work on Crown land, that approval will not be given unless the requirements of the *Native Title Act 1993*

have been addressed, including the notification and opportunity to comment noted above.

The use and development of Crown land without an earlier act in accordance with Subdivision 24JA(1)(a) of the *Native Title Act 1993* is restricted (refer to Appendix F – *Crown Land without an Earlier Act*).

\* NTSCORP Limited is the representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander body for New South Wales. At the time of publication there were no registered native title bodies corporate or registered native title claimants in the relation to the land or waters subject to this Plan of Management.

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**5.5 Ownership and Land Zoning**

Meadowbank Park is owned by the Crown and is managed by City of Ryde Council as Crown Land Manager under the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.

The *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1997* (EPA Act) establishes the statutory planning framework for environmental and land use planning in NSW through State Environmental Policies (SEPPs and Local Environmental Plans).

The land zones included in Meadowbank Park are:

Table. 2 Ryde LEP 2014 Land Zoning

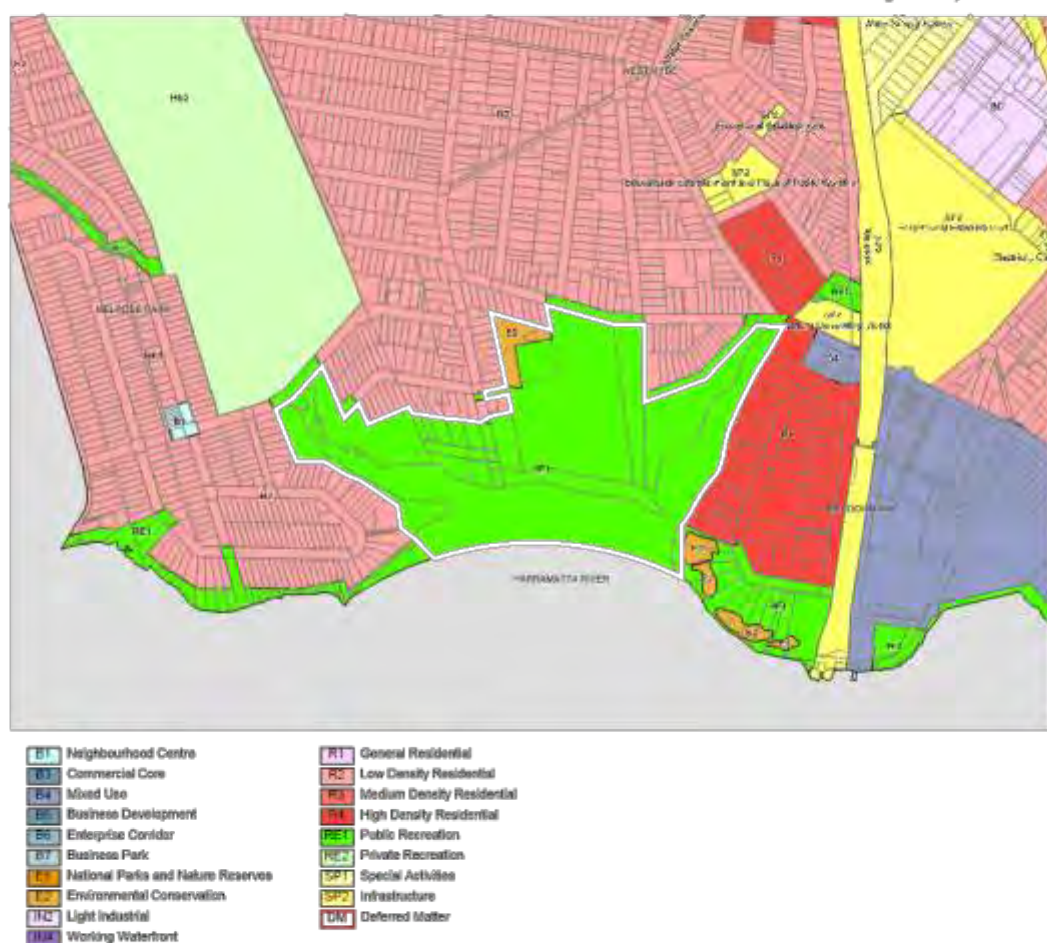
Zoning	Objectives	Permitted	Permitted with Consent	Prohibited
<b>RE1 Public Recreation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To enable land to be used for public open space or recreational purposes.</li> <li>- To provide a range of recreational settings and activities and compatible land uses.</li> <li>- To protect and enhance the natural environment for recreational purposes.</li> <li>- Any leases and licences must be compatible with the core objectives</li> </ul>	Environmental protection works	Business identification signs; Community facilities; Environmental facilities; Kiosks (staffed and unstaffed); Recreation areas; Recreation facilities (indoor); Recreation facilities (outdoor); Restaurants or cafes; and Roads	Any other development not listed in previous two columns
<b>E2 Environmental Conservation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To protect, manage and restore areas of high ecological, scientific, cultural or aesthetic values.</li> <li>- To prevent development that could destroy, damage or otherwise have an adverse effect on those values.</li> </ul>	Environmental protection works	Environmental facilities	Business premises; Hotel or motel accommodation; Industries; Multi-dwelling housing; Recreation facilities (major); Residential flat buildings; Restricted premises; Retail premises; Seniors housing; Service stations; Warehouse or distribution centres; Any other development not listed in previous two columns

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Ownership and Land Zoning (cont.)

Figure 2 Ryde LEP 2014





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**5.6 Relevant NSW and Commonwealth Legislation, Statutory Controls and Policies**

Table. 3 Relevant NSW and Commonwealth Legislation and Statutory Controls

Legislation	Source	Relevance to Meadowbank Park
<b>Local Government Act 1993</b>	<a href="https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/1993/30/full">https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/1993/30/full</a>	Meadowbank Park is Crown Land managed by the City of Ryde, who is authorised to classify and manage the land as if it were public land within the meaning of the <b>Local Government Act 1993</b>
<b>Crown Land Management Act 2016 and Crown Land Management Regulation 2018</b>	<a href="https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/2016/58">https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/2016/58</a>	Division 3.1 of the <b>Crown Land Management Act 2016</b> sets out responsibility for management of Crown land, management of parts of Crown land, and appointment of Crown Land Managers by the Minister. Division 3.4 provides that Crown land will be managed by Councils in accordance with the <b>Local Government Act 1993</b> subject to the Division.
<b>Coastal Management Act 2016</b>	<a href="https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/2016/20/full">https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/2016/20/full</a>	This Act reflects the vital natural, social, cultural and economic values of Ryde's coastal areas and promotes the principles of ecologically sustainable development in managing these values.
<b>Water Management Act 2000</b>	<a href="http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/2000/92">http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/2000/92</a>	Parramatta River, Charity Creek, Smalls Creek and Archer Creek are identified as watercourses under this Act, and must comply with guidelines to protect and enhance the quality of water.
<b>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</b>	<a href="https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/2016/63">https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/2016/63</a>	The <b>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</b> ensures a balanced approach to land management and biodiversity conservation in NSW, including ways to assess and manage the biodiversity impacts of development, a new State Environmental Planning Policy for impacts on native vegetation in urban areas, and a risk-based system for regulating human and business interactions with native plants and animals.
<b>State Environmental Planning Policy 19 (Bushland in Urban Areas)</b>	<a href="https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/EPI/1986/014/full">https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/EPI/1986/014/full</a>	<b>SEPP 19 – Bushland in Urban Areas</b> aims to, amongst other things, protect and preserve bushland within the urban areas of Sydney. The policy applies where natural vegetation remains, or vegetation representative of the structure and floristics of natural vegetation exists. <b>Clause 6 of SEPP 19</b> states that a person shall not disturb bushland zoned or reserved for public open space purposes without the consent of the council, except for bushfire hazard reduction, facilitating recreational use of the bushland in accordance with a Plan of Management, or for constructing, operating or maintaining lines for electricity or telecommunication, pipelines, or to construct or maintain main roads.
<b>Environment Protection Biodiversity and Conservation Act 1998</b>	<a href="https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2016C00777">https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2016C00777</a>	The <b>Ryde Biodiversity Plan 2016</b> identifies priority and conservation significance value of Meadowbank Park as very high and high respectively.
<b>Environment Planning and Assessment Act 1979</b>	<a href="http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/1979/203">http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/1979/203</a>	The framework for environmental and land use planning in NSW through State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs), Regional Environmental Plans (REPs) and Local Environmental Plans (LEPs) for example sportsfield floodlighting, amenity buildings etc.

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*Relevant NSW and Commonwealth Legislation and Statutory Controls (Continue)*

Legislation	Source	Relevance to Meadowbank Park
<i>Protection of the Environmental Operations Act 1997</i>	<a href="http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/1997/156">http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/1997/156</a>	This Act enables protection of the environment policies to be formed to reduce pollution and other impacts on the environment.
<i>State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007</i>	<a href="https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/EPI/2007/641">https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/EPI/2007/641</a>	The aim of this policy is to allow specified works to undertaken on community land without consent (Clauses 65 & 66). These include: roads, pedestrian pathways, cycleways, single storey car parks, ticketing facilities, viewing platforms and pedestrian bridges, recreation areas and recreation facilities (outdoor), lighting, if light spill and artificial sky glow is minimised in accordance with the Lighting for Roads and Public Spaces Standard, amenities for people using the park, including toilets and change rooms, food preparation and related facilities for people using the park.
<i>Biosecurity Act 2015</i>	<a href="https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/2015/24/full">https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/2015/24/full</a>	The City of Ryde has responsibility to control weeds and pests on publicly owned land.
<i>Companion Animals Act 1998</i>	<a href="http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/1998/87/whole">http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/1998/87/whole</a>	Dogs must always be under the effective control of their owners Dogs are prohibited from some public places at all times, which include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children's playgrounds.</li> <li>• Recreation areas, such as sports fields, ovals, pitches and courts (subject to Council determination and signage).</li> </ul> Owners have a legal responsibility to pick up after their dogs.
<i>Disability Discrimination Act 1992</i>	<a href="https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/C2004A04426">https://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/C2004A04426</a>	The park need to promote equal access.
<i>Fisheries Management Act 1994</i>	<a href="http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/1994/38">http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/1994/38</a>	The Act protects aquatic biodiversity. Recreational fishers are recommended to practice catch and release, and not eat fish or crustaceans caught west of the Harbour Bridge. Commercial fishing is prohibited in all of Sydney Harbour and the Parramatta River. Foreshore vegetation - mangroves and saltmarsh areas are protected.
<i>Native Title Act 1993</i>	<a href="http://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2017C00178">www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2017C00178</a>	On Crown land native title rights and interests must be considered unless: Native title has been extinguished; or Native title has been surrendered; or Determined by a court to no longer exist.
<i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i>	<a href="https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/1974/80">https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/1974/80</a>	Aboriginal objects found in the Park must not be harmed, when conducting minor works or regular maintenance.
<i>Coastal Management Act 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/coasts/coastreforms-act.htm">http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/coasts/coastreforms-act.htm</a>	This Act reflects the vital natural, social, cultural and economic values of our coastal areas and promotes the principles of ecologically sustainable development in managing these values.
<i>Greater Sydney Commission North District Plan</i>	<a href="https://www.greater.sydney/draft-north-district-plan">https://www.greater.sydney/draft-north-district-plan</a>	This plan sets out planning priorities and actions for growth in the north district, which encompasses the City of Ryde.

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Table 4 Relevant NSW Policies

Legislation	Source	Relevance to Meadowbank Park
<i>Sydney Regional Environmental Plan (Sydney Harbour Catchment) 2005 and Sydney Harbour Foreshores Area Development Control Plan (DCP)</i>	<a href="http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/EPI/2005/590">http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/EPI/2005/590</a>	A set of planning principles to protect the natural assets of Sydney Harbour, ensure appropriate use of foreshore land and maximise public access to and along the foreshores. A DCP supports the Sydney Harbour Catchment REP with detailed design guidelines for development and criteria for natural resource protection for the area identified as foreshores and waterways.
<i>Tobacco Legislation Amendment Bill 2012, Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 and Smoke-free Environment Regulation 2016</i>	<a href="https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/acts/2012-56.pdf">https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/acts/2012-56.pdf</a>  <a href="https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/regulation/2016/558/full">https://legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/regulation/2016/558/full</a>  <a href="https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/tobacco/Pages/smoke-free-laws.aspx">https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/tobacco/Pages/smoke-free-laws.aspx</a>	<p>These legislations make it illegal to smoke tobacco:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• in enclosed public spaces</li> <li>• Within 10 metres of children's play equipment in outdoor public places</li> <li>• Spectator areas at sportsgrounds or other recreational areas used for organised sporting events</li> <li>• Within 4 metres of a pedestrian access point to a public building</li> <li>• Commercial outdoor dining areas (ie. should a café or similar be included in the future)</li> <li>• Public Transport stops and stations</li> </ul>
<i>Greener Places: Establishing an urban green infrastructure policy for New South Wales</i>	<a href="https://www.governmentarchitect.nsw.gov.au/policies/greener-places">https://www.governmentarchitect.nsw.gov.au/policies/greener-places</a>	<p>Greener Places, the draft urban green infrastructure policy for NSW, recognises that the network of green spaces, including parks and other public open space, provides numerous benefits in an urban environment. Benefits include health, environmental, social, recreational and economic. As such, green infrastructure is essential infrastructure, and is as crucial to the city as transport, cultural and communications infrastructure.</p> <p>The key components of the green infrastructure framework are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks and Open Space – delivering green infrastructure for people.</li> <li>• The Urban Tree Canopy – delivering green infrastructure for climate change adaptation and resilience.</li> <li>• Bushland and Waterways – delivering green infrastructure for habitat and ecological health.</li> </ul>
<i>Everyone Can Play</i>	Play <a href="https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Policy-and-Legislation/Open-space-and-parklands/Everyone-Can-Play-in-NSW">https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Policy-and-Legislation/Open-space-and-parklands/Everyone-Can-Play-in-NSW</a>	'Everyone Can Play' is a practical toolkit to create play spaces in NSW which are more inclusive for children and where everyone belongs. The manual sets out design considerations to improve physical access and comfort for child and adult play space users.

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**5.7 Relevant City of Ryde Open Space Planning Framework**

The relevant City of Ryde policies and Service Level Agreements can be found in Appendix B and C.

*Table. 5 Relevant City of Ryde Planning Documents*

Planning Documents	Source	Relevance to Meadowbank Park
<i>Ryde Local Environment Plan 2014</i>	<a href="https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/EPI/2014/608/full">https://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/EPI/2014/608/full</a>	A guide for development control in the park, with zoning maps and defined categories for permissible development.
<i>Parramatta River Estuary Coastal Zone Management Plan 2013</i>	<a href="http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/environment/05-2013-parramatta-river-estuary-coastal-zone-management-plan.pdf">http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/environment/05-2013-parramatta-river-estuary-coastal-zone-management-plan.pdf</a>	A set of actions for the City of Ryde to help manage the Parramatta River Estuary e.g. upgrading or repairing sections of seawall, rehabilitating sections of eroding foreshore, water quality output improvements.
<i>City of Ryde Community Strategic Plan 2018</i>	<a href="http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/publications/city-of-ryde-2025-community-strategic-plan.pdf">http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/publications/city-of-ryde-2025-community-strategic-plan.pdf</a>	A set of outcomes for the community of Ryde – a City of liveable neighbourhoods, a City of wellbeing, a City of prosperity, a City of environmental sensitivity, a City of connections, a City of harmony and culture and a City of progressive leadership.
<i>City of Ryde Integrated Open Space Plan 2012</i>	<a href="http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/publications/parks-open-space/integrated-open-space-plan-2012.pdf">http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/publications/parks-open-space/integrated-open-space-plan-2012.pdf</a>	Recommendations on how the City of Ryde's open space can be conserved, enhanced and extended to meet the community's needs.
<i>City of Ryde Children's Play Implementation Plan 2019 update</i>	<a href="http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/publications/parks-open-space/childrens-play-implementation-plan.pdf">http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/publications/parks-open-space/childrens-play-implementation-plan.pdf</a>	A guide for providing safe, accessible and sustainable high quality playgrounds for the City of Ryde's residents.
<i>Ryde Biodiversity Plan 2016</i>	<a href="http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/publications/parks-open-space/ryde-biodiversity-plan.pdf">http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/publications/parks-open-space/ryde-biodiversity-plan.pdf</a>	A plan to protect and the flora and fauna of the City of Ryde, ensuring local species survive in their natural habitat.
<i>Ryde River Walk Masterplan 2007</i>	<a href="http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Council/Plans-and-Publications/Parks-and-Open-Space">http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Council/Plans-and-Publications/Parks-and-Open-Space</a>	Recreational walks links Meadowbank Park to other major open spaces and neighbourhoods.
<i>City of Ryde Bicycle Study 2014</i>	<a href="http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/publications/ryde-bicycle-strategy-and-masterplan.pdf">http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/publications/ryde-bicycle-strategy-and-masterplan.pdf</a>	A plan for improving the environment for people who ride bicycles for transport, health and fitness.
<i>City of Ryde Sport &amp; Recreation Study 2016-2026</i>	<a href="http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/publications/parks-open-space/sport-and-recreation-strategy-2016-2026.pdf">http://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/publications/parks-open-space/sport-and-recreation-strategy-2016-2026.pdf</a>	A framework for the ongoing effective provision, management and coordinated development of recreation facilities and services across the City of Ryde.



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Planning Documents	Source	Relevance to Meadowbank Park
<i>Synthetic Surface Action Plan 2016-2026</i>	<a href="https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/publications/parks-open-space/synthetic-surface-action-plan-2016-2026.pdf">https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/files/assets/public/publications/parks-open-space/synthetic-surface-action-plan-2016-2026.pdf</a>	Some synthetic sports fields are proposed for Meadowbank Park.
<i>River to River Corridors Project</i>	<a href="https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Environment-and-Waste/Bushland-and-Wildlife/River-to-River-Corridors-Project">https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Environment-and-Waste/Bushland-and-Wildlife/River-to-River-Corridors-Project</a>	Council recognises the need to connect bush corridors and complete works through new plantings as well as improving the condition of existing areas to assist fauna and flora growth and diversity.
<i>Our Living River Project 2025</i>	<a href="http://www.ourlivingriver.com.au/">http://www.ourlivingriver.com.au/</a>	The aim of this strategy is to create a living river that is rich in biodiversity, where people, fish and other animals can thrive together.
Litter Prevention	<a href="https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Environment-and-Waste/Waste-and-Recycling/Other-Waste-Initiatives/Litter-Prevention?BestBetMatch=littering 3c8f701e-192c-41d1-b9df-c92ac23bbc06 53be59ec-f85b-495f-8ca6-37b1fb6d9dec en-AU">https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Environment-and-Waste/Waste-and-Recycling/Other-Waste-Initiatives/Litter-Prevention?BestBetMatch=littering 3c8f701e-192c-41d1-b9df-c92ac23bbc06 53be59ec-f85b-495f-8ca6-37b1fb6d9dec en-AU</a>	Council is actively working with members of our local community to address littering to ensure the protection of our local flora and fauna.



Meadow House Plaque

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## 6. AREA COVERED BY THIS PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

### Site Context

Meadowbank Park is bounded to the south by Parramatta River and surrounded to the east, north and west by a combination of low density and medium density residential areas. It has multiple access points off Constitution Road, Adelaide Street, Andrew Street, Ross Smith Avenue, James Street, Lancaster Avenue, Crowley Crescent and the Ryde RiverWalk.

### Soil, Drainage and Water Quality

Much of the Meadowbank and Melrose Park area represents the transition from Sandstone geology from the east to the low lying clay soils of the west. Wianamatta shales dominate the upper ridge of Ryde, and have influence on the foreshore area.

The park is predominantly located on an infill site which was reclaimed from behind a seawall built in the middle of last century. Three concrete stormwater channels roughly follow the former creek beds of Archer Creek, Small Creek and Charity Creek. These further divide the active recreational areas and are a physical barrier to some recreational uses in the park. The aerial photograph in Figure 4 shows the completed concrete canalisation of the creeks in 1943.

Fields 2 and 3 were capped in the lead up to the Sydney 2000 Olympics when the area was used as a park and ride site. Field 7 and 8 were re-levelled with clean spoil in 2017 increasing the height of the playing surface by approximately 1.8m.

The site is now mainly grass covered sporting fields with some paved parking areas and isolated facility buildings. A large area containing artificial surfaced netball courts is located near the southwestern corner of the site. Three concrete lined canals are still present on the site.

Three sub-catchments, Archers Creek, Smalls Creek and Charity Creek, drain stormwater from parts of Eastwood, West Ryde and Ryde. The water quality at Meadowbank Park is determined by what flows into these creeklines upstream, which may include sediment, nutrients, and rubbish. Refer to Figure 5 Meadowbank Catchments.

A Gross Pollutant Trap (GPT) installed on the Constitution Road boundary to the park, near the historic gates removes a considerable amount of litter from the catchment which would otherwise find its way into the Parramatta River.

Meadowbank Park is also used as a part of Meadowbank Park water harvesting system which pumps water into water tanks to water the sporting fields.

Meadowbank Park is also identified as a future swimming site in the Parramatta River Swim Report. The water quality is monitored by RiverWatch monitoring program with the aim to make the river swimmable again by 2025.

*Table. 6 Park Profile*

<b>Address</b>	<b>Meadowbank</b>
<b>Size</b>	25.16 ha
<b>Owner</b>	City of Ryde and State of NSW
<b>Manager</b>	City of Ryde
<b>Zoning</b>	RE1, E2
<b>Easement</b>	High pressure oil and gas pipeline, Sydney Water
<b>Community Land Categories</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Park</li> <li>• Sportsfield</li> <li>• Natural Area - Bushland</li> <li>• Natural Area - Watercourse</li> <li>• Natural Area- Foreshore</li> <li>• General Community Use</li> </ul>

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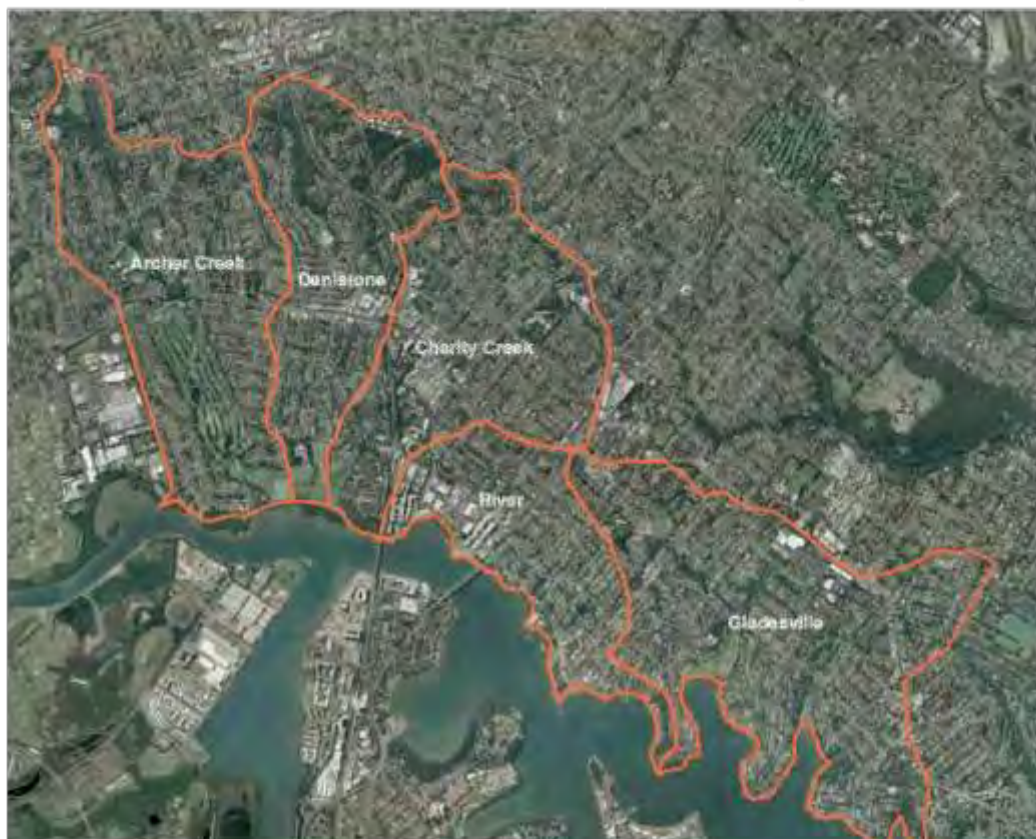
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*Figure 5 Meadowbank Catchments*





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## 7. ABOUT THE PARK

### 7.1 History and Heritage

#### Social and Cultural Background

The traditional owners of this area were the Wallumedegal people. It is likely that the name was derived from wallumai (the snapper fish) combined with matta (place), meaning they were the 'snapper clan' and the fish were their totem.

The Wallumedegal survived for generations in a rich environment of river flats, creeks and mangrove swamps, fishing and feasting on shellfish, hunting birds and small game, and collecting bushfood plants.

The Aboriginal man often associated with the area is Woollarawarre Bennelong, who was actually a member of the Wangal clan across the river. He was captured by Governor Phillip in 1789 to act as a translator and intermediary for the Europeans.

Bennelong is buried with his wife and another Aboriginal man Nanbaree, further down the river close to Bennelong Park.

The adjacent Parramatta River was the major transport route for the first 50 years of the colony.

In 1792 the first land grants were made in the Ryde area to ex-convicts.

The land originally granted to Surgeon William Balmain in 1794, in the district of the Field of Mars, was given the name 'Meadow Bank'. Balmain returned to England in 1801, leaving his estates to be managed by fellow surgeon D'arcy Wentworth. Wentworth agreed to sell Balmain's grants to John Bennett, an ex-convict who had been transported in 1795. By 1819 both the 'Meadow Bank Estate' and 'Chatham Farm' to the north, belonged to Bennett. In 1823 he was joined by his nephew William Bennett. John Bennett died in July 1829, a bachelor, and his nephew inherited his estate, building Meadowbank House around 1835. William then sold 'Chatham Farm' to Major Edward Darvall in 1855. William Bennett died in 1865 but his widow remained at Meadowbank until her death in 1879. The estate was subdivided in the late 1880's, given impetus by the opening of the railway from Strathfield to Hornsby in 1886.

Until the late 19th century development along the Ryde foreshores was predominantly rural.

Ryde was Sydney's first food bowl when settlement occurred. Rich soil and access to the river meant the area supplied Sydney and Parramatta with much needed food supplies.

Ryde developed as an agricultural landscape of orchards and market gardens with grand riverside villas, including a residence for the American Ambassador who lived in Meadowbank.



Meadowbank House, 1931

Image Source:  
[www.library.ryde.nsw.gov.au](http://www.library.ryde.nsw.gov.au)



Elephant Race held in Meadowbank Park, 1966

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Historic items on site include former site of Meadowbank House (near site of tennis centre), park gates on Constitution Road and indigenous historical items in the park.

### Formation of the Park

The parkland originally under the control the Meadowbank Park Trust was contained within the present Memorial Park. In 1927, Sir Dudley Rawson Stratford de Chair, Governor, charged 'the Ryde Municipal Council with the care, control and management of the Meadowbank park.' Since then, the Council has gradually acquired additional land to form the Meadowbank Park it is today. Figure 7 illustrates areas acquired in different period of the time.

The topography of the parkland has evolved significantly since the early 20th century. The useable land area was much smaller during the early years. The southern parkland and areas adjacent to the creeks were largely saltmarsh in 1943 (Figure 4). Land reclaiming work was probably done in a relatively ad hoc manner. For instance, Wallace Park, presently the area between Ross Smith Avenue and Charity Creek, was reclaimed by 'dumping garbage' as described in Wallumetta: a history of Ryde and its district 1792-1945(p248).

Table 7 shows the milestone events in the formation of the Park in the first half of the 20th century.

The recent history of the Park revolves around transformation of the parkland into a regional sports hub. Such as the LH Waud field, adjacent to the Adelaide Street car park, bears significance in the local history in promoting community sports. The field was constructed over many years by Lester Harry Waud, founder of West Ryde Rovers Football Club, and many volunteers from the community. Some fields have been named after important figures in supporting sports communities. Such as in 1977 Tory Wicks Memorial Grounds was named after Tory Wicks, a pioneer in women's hockey in Australia. Norma Woods and Anne Doring are recognised for their contribution to the netball community.

The parkland, now known as Memorial Park, was originally contained within Meadowbank Park. This site, containing war memorials, began being known as Memorial Park during the 1960s with the name officially being recognised by the Geographical Names Board in 1984. Memorial Park and Meadowbank Park are now two separate parks. Meadowbank Park is covered under the Meadowbank Park Plan of Management (this document). Memorial Park is covered under the Parramatta River Parklands Plan of Management.

Table. 7 Condition of the Land and Buildings

1907	Park proclaimed; controlled by Meadowbank Park Trust
January 1913	Park controlled by Meadowbank Park Trust, expanded
1921	First World War obelisk unveiled
1924	Ryde Municipal Council donated land south of Ross Smith Avenue (separate to that controlled by the Meadowbank Park Trust)
1925	Ryde Municipal Council acquires land from former Bennett Estate (separate to that controlled by the Meadowbank Park Trust)
1925/1926	In Park controlled by Meadowbank Park Trust, baths constructed on Parramatta River
Nov 1926	Park controlled by Meadowbank Park Trust, expanded
August 1927	Meadowbank Park that was formerly controlled by Meadowbank Park Trust handed to Council of the Municipality of Ryde
Early 1930s	Unemployment relief schemes
1940	Advertisement for construction of a sea wall
1940	Advertisement for construction of stormwater channels
Sept 2007	It was gazetted that Meadowbank Park along with a number of other Crown Reserves along the Parramatta River in Ryde LGA forms part of Ryde Riverside Crown Reserve. These parks include Memorial Park, Bennelong Park, Kissing Point Park, Ryde Wharf Reserve, Anderson Park Settlers Park and Helene Park.

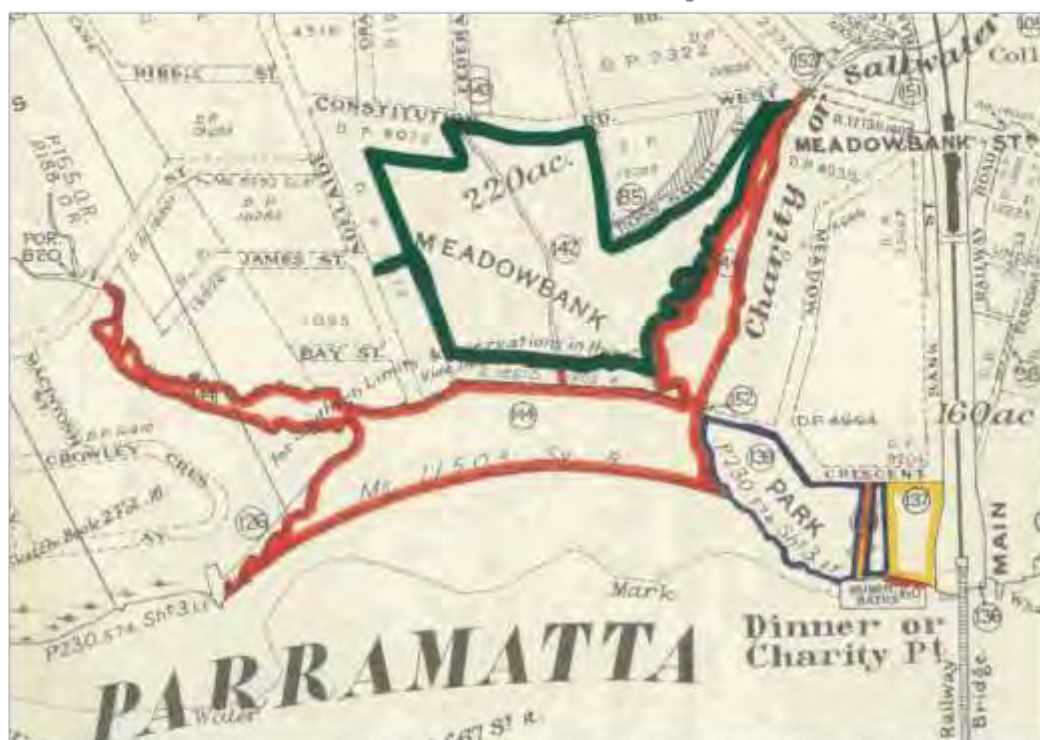


L.H.Waud Sign

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Figure 6 Meadowbank Park Catchment Boundaries



Red edge: R.71103 for Public Recreation notified 3 December 1943 and 12 September 1969



Looking across Meadowbank Park to Parramatta River  
from Constitution Road October 1970



Meadowbank Park in the Early 1960's while the sporting fields were being established



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### 7.2 Park Uses

The role of Meadowbank Park is to provide a regional level sporting facility to the Ryde community within a parkland setting. It also offers opportunities for unstructured recreation, leisure and enjoyment of the natural surroundings.

The Ryde RiverWalk shared user path travels through the southern side of the Park and provides important pedestrian and cycle connectivity between Ryde, Meadowbank, Parramatta and future connections eastwards towards Iron Cove.

The recently installed Meadowbank Outdoor Youth and Family Space includes state of the art skate facilities capable of being used to host clinics and competitions in the future.

The regional playground has been integrated into the landscape and provides a range of equipment and surfaces that provide interest and diversity in play experiences.

The Park is well used by a large number of regional sporting associations and local sporting clubs for social, local and regional competition and training sessions. A number of local primary and high schools use the Park regularly for their school sport competitions and carnivals.

The recently installed Meadowbank Outdoor Youth and Family Space includes state of the art skate facilities capable of being used to host clinics and competitions in the future.

The regional playground has been integrated into the landscape and provides a range of equipment and surfaces that provide interest and diversity in play experiences.

Personal trainers registered with the City of Ryde can use the park to conduct fitness training sessions. Council also conducts regular strength and conditioning programs for seniors and retirees in the Park.

Throughout the year the Park hosts a wide range of minor and major community and council events. Some of these include State Age Netball Championships, Household Chemical CleanOut, NSW Bike Week activities, Spring Cycle, Child Restraint Checks and Skate Clinics/competitions.

Major Events in Parks require the organisers to complete a Major Event Application and submit the necessary information so that Council can assess its suitability to the proposed location.

Events conducted by Council, individuals, community or sporting groups requiring the hire of the Park will be assessed and approved through the issuing of Permit. Further information can be obtained via Council's Park Booking Officer.

According to a community survey in 2018, the top ten activities undertaken by park visitors are:

- Play organised sports
- Watch sports events
- Walk/jog
- Use the toilet
- Ride bike/scooter
- Use the sportsground on a casual basis
- Use the water station/bubbler
- Sit or relax in the parks
- Use the playground
- Meet with friends

There is growing high density residential living in the surrounding neighbourhoods, increasing the need for and demand on public open space.

Applications will be required for activities such as:

- Sporting Clubs and Schools wishing to regularly use sportsgrounds
- Casual Users of sportsgrounds
- Personal Trainers
- Dog Minders
- Social Recreation Activities such as birthday parties and picnics.
- Events
- Other commercial and non-commercial activities such as photography, filming and television



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### 7.3 Description of the Land and Buildings

Section 36(3A)(a) (i) of the **Local Government Act 1993** requires the Plan to include a description of the condition of the land and structures on adoption of the Plan.

Table 8 provides a response to the requirements of the clause.

Figure. 7 Meadowbank Park Key Plan



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*Table. 8 Condition of the Land and Buildings*

Area	Description	Site Photo
<b>RiverWalk</b>	<p>The Park is bounded by the RiverWalk on the southern side. The shared user path is part of the regional cycling network connecting the open spaces along Parramatta River, Rhodes and broader northern districts. The path is line marked to separate west bound pedestrian/cyclist flows and east bound pedestrian/cyclist flows. However, safety concerns have been raised by the community regarding mixing high speed commuter cyclists and pedestrians.</p> <p>The path is well shaded by mature tree groves and mangroves. A fauna and flora study is in progress while this report is prepared.</p> <p>Located in between the mangroves and the path is a recently upgraded sandstone seawall, which is in good condition. Water ponding appears at some sections behind the seawall after King Tide events.</p> <p>High pressure oil pipes are running along the entire foreshore area on both side of the path, which poses major restrictions on built structures, pathway and asset upgrades in these areas.</p> <p>The path is built on top of stormwater culverts where the creeks meet the river.</p>	  


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<i>Condition of the Land and Buildings (Continue)</i>		
Area	Description	Site Photo
<b>Pedestrian/ cycle path</b>	Besides the RiverWalk, the Park contains three main pedestrian/bicycle paths providing north-south connection between the RiverWalk, Constitution Road and Andrew Street. The path along Small Creek is identified as Local Bicycle Route (connect local streets to regional routes) in the City of Ryde Bicycle Strategy 2014, while paths along the Archer Creek, Charity Creek are Local Links (very short connecting routes usually no more than a single street or collection of streets).	
	The paths are in relatively good condition. However, insufficient width for shared uses and lack of shade are concerns expressed by the community. There is also a lack of west-east pedestrian/bicycle connection within the park.	
<b>Playground</b>	There are three playgrounds in the park. One near Ross Smith Ave, one near the current netball courts and one near the Rain-garden off Andrew Street. These playgrounds consist of sets of basic junior play equipment, shade structures and softfall surfaces. Two of these existing playgrounds are unfenced and surrounded by existing mature trees.	
	The Ross Smith Avenue playground was recently upgraded. Located near the visitor car park makes it easier to be accessed by car as well as by foot.	
	No visitor parking or on-street parking is provided for the Andrew Street playground.	
	A temporary playground is located near the Adelaide Street car park. The playground provides a suite of basic junior play equipment on mulched surface. It is also fenced to separate sports and play activities.	

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Area	Description	Site Photo
<b>Meadowbank Outdoor Youth and Family Space</b>	<p>The Outdoor Youth and Family Space, adjacent to Constitution Road and Smalls Creek, opened in April 2019. The area consists of a range of skate facilities, play equipment, picnic tables and benches, a BBQ table, shade structures, a ping pong table, seating elements, general waste and recycling bins and grassed mounds.</p> <p>A new fence has been installed on Constitution Rd that extends from Small Creek to the residential property on the east. The fence integrates the restored heritage gate.</p>	
<b>Park furniture</b>	<p>The park furniture includes aluminium benches, general waste and recycling bins, picnic tables, BBQ, shade structure, filtered water station and wayfinding signage.</p> <p>Most furniture is either recently installed or well maintained. However, given the size the park, the quantity of furniture is not sufficient to support sports and recreational activities in the park.</p> <p>Issues raised by the community include lack of seating and seating located next to fields that have no shade.</p>	
<b>Sportsgrounds</b>	<p>The sportsgrounds are characterised by a large expanse of grassed fields, netball courts and tennis centre near the Constitution Road vehicular entry. The winter fields configuration currently includes 8 grass soccer fields, 2 mini soccer fields and 2 hockey fields; and summer fields consist of 3 grass senior cricket ovals and 1 junior oval with synthetic surfaced concrete cricket wickets. All fields are irrigated and regularly maintained.</p> <p>Fields 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9 and 10 have sports field lighting.</p> <p>High wire mesh fence is installed in between field 8 and RiverWalk to prevent balls going onto the RiverWalk and into the mangrove. The fence is in fair condition. Fencing is also installed along the canal to reduce the likelihood of balls going into the creeks.</p>	



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Area	Description	Site Photo
Cricket Practice Nets	There are a set of cricket practice nets adjacent to the Sydney water pumping station near LH Waud Field. These consist of three synthetic surfaced and cyclone wire enclosed practice nets. These are extensively used for both formal team cricket practice and informal recreation.	
Sport courts	<p>The 28 netball courts are located in between the RiverWalk and field 10. Constructed on landfill materials, the subsidence issue has caused uneven and cracked surfaces on many of the 28 flexi pave netball courts. All courts have sports court lighting for evening use.</p> <p>The NSW Government has committed to funding the relocation of the Meadowbank Park netball facilities to a new state of the art netball centre, including indoor and outdoor courts at the Marsden High School site. A Masterplan therefore been prepared without netball facilities within Meadowbank Park.</p> <p>There is one basketball half court located on the concrete culvert slab where Charity Creek meets the river. The basketball net is in bad condition.</p> <p>A tennis centre is located next to the Constitution Road driveway, containing 8 synthetic tennis courts with floodlighting and amenities building/clubhouse. The centre is currently leased to private operator.</p>	  

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Area	Description	Site Photo																												
<b>Irrigation &amp; A Gross Pollutant Traps (GPT)</b>	<p>Two existing underground recycled stormwater tanks are located adjacent to the tennis courts. The tanks are currently serving the eastern fields and have a capacity of the irrigating one field at a time. New stormwater tanks and substations are proposed near field 2, field 10 and LH Waud field to increase the irrigation capacity.</p> <p>The irrigation of the fields is controlled via electronic units that can be adjusted remotely to cater for increased or decreased watering regimes based on prevailing weather conditions. These units are in good working condition and well maintained according to Optimal Stormwater's auditing report.</p> <p>There are 2 GPT's at Meadowbank Park. The GPT installed on the Constitution Road boundary to the Park, near the historic gates removes a considerable amount of litter from the catchment which would otherwise find its way into the Parramatta River. The other unit is located at the southern end of the park near the sportsfield.</p> <p>Below are the details of these facilities:</p> <table> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>COR: 21 – CDS - P4530</b></td></tr> <tr> <td>Maintenance</td><td>Cleaned every 3 months</td></tr> <tr> <td>Estimated waste</td><td>15 to 20m<sup>3</sup></td></tr> <tr> <td>Estimated floatable material</td><td>0.30 m<sup>3</sup></td></tr> <tr> <td>Estimated silt/ sediment</td><td>10.00 m<sup>3</sup></td></tr> <tr> <td>Estimated vegetation</td><td>9.00 m<sup>3</sup></td></tr> <tr> <td>Estimated Volume</td><td>19.30 m<sup>3</sup></td></tr> </table> <p>Note: this is worked on heavy rain fall. The unit would normally capture 3-7 m<sup>3</sup> of estimated waste.</p> <p>COR: 21 is also the largest unit in NSW, estimated waste 15 to 20 m<sup>3</sup>.</p> <table> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>COR: 24 – CDS - P3018</b></td></tr> <tr> <td>Maintenance</td><td>Cleaned every 3 months</td></tr> <tr> <td>Estimated waste</td><td>15 to 20m<sup>3</sup></td></tr> <tr> <td>Estimated floatable material</td><td>0.14 m<sup>3</sup></td></tr> <tr> <td>Estimated silt/ sediment</td><td>2.00 m<sup>3</sup></td></tr> <tr> <td>Estimated vegetation</td><td>4.00 m<sup>3</sup></td></tr> <tr> <td>Estimated Volume</td><td>6.14 m<sup>3</sup></td></tr> </table> <p>Note: this is worked on heavy rain fall. The unit would normally capture 2.7-7 m<sup>3</sup> of estimated waste.</p> <p>COR: 24 is also used as a part of Meadowbank Park water harvesting system which pumps water into water tanks to water the sporting fields.</p>	<b>COR: 21 – CDS - P4530</b>		Maintenance	Cleaned every 3 months	Estimated waste	15 to 20m <sup>3</sup>	Estimated floatable material	0.30 m <sup>3</sup>	Estimated silt/ sediment	10.00 m <sup>3</sup>	Estimated vegetation	9.00 m <sup>3</sup>	Estimated Volume	19.30 m <sup>3</sup>	<b>COR: 24 – CDS - P3018</b>		Maintenance	Cleaned every 3 months	Estimated waste	15 to 20m <sup>3</sup>	Estimated floatable material	0.14 m <sup>3</sup>	Estimated silt/ sediment	2.00 m <sup>3</sup>	Estimated vegetation	4.00 m <sup>3</sup>	Estimated Volume	6.14 m <sup>3</sup>	 
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<i>Condition of the Land and Buildings (Continue)</i>		
Area	Description	Site Photo
<b>Watercourses</b>	Three creeks present on site, Archer Creek, Small Creek and Charity Creek, which are all concrete lined channels. Some areas of the concrete channels show some indications of damage to the structures. All three outlets to the Parramatta River are channelled by culverts. The stormwater culvert adjacent to playground is accessible by trucks for maintenance and events.	
	The creeks are entirely fenced by wire mesh fences of various heights, which are in relatively good condition.	
	The water levels in all three creeks fluctuate daily due to tide and upstream water flow. Based on observation, conducted on 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2019, the water levels rise significantly after King Tide. Archer Creek and Charity Creek were full all the way up to Andrew Street and Constitution Road respectively, Smalls Creek tide extended up as far as field 2 and 3.	
<b>Pedestrian bridges</b>	There are currently 3 pedestrian bridges over Smalls Creek.	
	The bridges are made of concrete with metal balustrades. They are in fair conditions.	

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Condition of the Land and Buildings (Continue)		
Area	Description	Site Photo
<b>Bushland</b>	<p>A small patch of remnant bushland adjoining the tennis courts is a link to the past, giving a glimpse of what the area may have looked like hundreds of years ago.</p> <p>The Meadowbank Park Bushcare group is helping to restore the bushland during their regular work sessions.</p> <p>The canopy, shrub layer and native grasses and groundcovers are a haven for native wildlife. Flora and fauna studies undertaken at Meadowbank park in 2018 identified 77 native plant species, 29 native animal species and several different plant communities including Estuarine Mangrove Forest and Estuarine Saltmarsh (a critically endangered ecological community).</p> <p>Native birds species spotted included Kookaburras, Galahs, Red-rumped Parrot, Tawny Frogmouth, Swallow, White-faced Heron and Willie Wagtails.</p> <p>Some of the common native tree species include <i>Syncarpia glomulifera</i> (Turpentine), <i>Eucalyptus pilularis</i> (Blackbutt), <i>Angophora costata</i> (Sydney Red Gum) and <i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> (Forest Red Gum).</p>	
<b>Vegetation</b>	<p>A large number of mature trees are present in the Park, largely concentrated on the Park peripheral areas. The central area is mostly open with a lack of tree canopies for sun protection. Shrubs and ground cover plants are almost absent from understory.</p> <p>A majestic procession of trees has been created along the Ryde River Walk to mark The Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012. The mass tree planting, each one symbolising a year of The Queen's reign, from 1952 to 2012, traces the 8km riverside path from Kissing Point Park to Meadowbank Park.</p> <p>The first of the trees, a Smooth Leaved Quandong (<i>Elaeocarpus eumundii</i>), which is characterised by its upright form (to 10m) and dense dark green foliage was dedicated by City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Ivan Petch, with the placement of a wooden tree marker for the year 1952.</p> <p>A flora and fauna study is in progress at the time of preparing this report.</p>	



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<i>Condition of the Land and Buildings (Continue)</i>		
Area	Description	Site Photo
<b>Buildings</b>	<p>The Park contains 7 amenity buildings/club house, including one facility buildings owned and managed by Sydney Water. The primary functions of these buildings are change rooms, toilets, canteens, sports club, administration, meeting room and maintenance storage.</p> <p>The buildings are structurally sound. However, the functional design of these building falls short of multifunctional uses, natural lighting, and integration with the surrounding landscape.</p> <p>Presently, the hockey building is currently set too low within the landscape. The building at field 2 also sits too low as well as it is currently not suitable for the eastern side of the park.</p>	
<b>Non-Council assets</b>	<p>Non-council assets located within the Park include Sydney water pumping station near LH Waud Field and the high pressure oil and gas line along the entire foreshore area.</p> <p>The Sydney Water pump station consists of a brick building and an outdoor pump facility. Service vehicles can access the facilities from Constitution Road car park.</p> <p>The subsurface high-pressure oil and gas pipelines are located along the entire foreshore area, which pose major restrictions on construction work along the RiverWalk. The pipeline is enclosed in concrete above ground adjacent to the bridges and culverts where they meet the creeks.</p>	

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Area	Description	Site Photo
<b>Lighting, pathway grid and solar</b>	<p>There is a mix of Council owned and Distributor owned and maintained lights in the car parks and along some of the paths in the park.</p> <p>There are solar lights along the RiverWalk which have either individual solar panels on the poles where solar access is available or are powered from panels mounted on poles in sunny locations.</p> <p>New lighting in the park will be selected and installed in accordance with the City of Ryde Open Space Lighting Policy which was being prepared at the time of this plan of management</p>	
<b>Car Parks</b>	<p>Three formal asphalt car parks are provide for the Park, which are Adelaide Street, Constitution Road and Ross Smith Avenue car parks. All the car parks are heavily used by park users including persons accessing the sportsgrounds on weekends. The Ross Smith Avenue car park is also heavily used by commuters using Meadowbank Station during weekdays.</p> <p>Most parking bays in the Constitution Road car park are located on a slope and partially shaded by matured trees.</p> <p>The asphalt surface of the Adelaide Street car park appears to be lifted by existing she-oak trees in the median.</p> <p>The Ross Smith Avenue car park is in relatively good condition.</p>	 

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## 8. LAND CATEGORISATION

### 8.1 Land Categorisation

Community land is defined as land that must be kept for the use of the general community. All community land in the Park is categorised with associated objectives as per the *Local Government Act 1993* and the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.

Despite an initial categorisation being assigned to parcels of Crown land, the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* allows Council to assign multiple categorisations to Crown land under the *Local Government Act 1993* if appropriate during preparation of a Plan of Management.

Land included in the Meadowbank Park Plan of Management have been categorised and are consistent with the guidelines for categorisation in the *Local Government (General Regulation) 2005*.

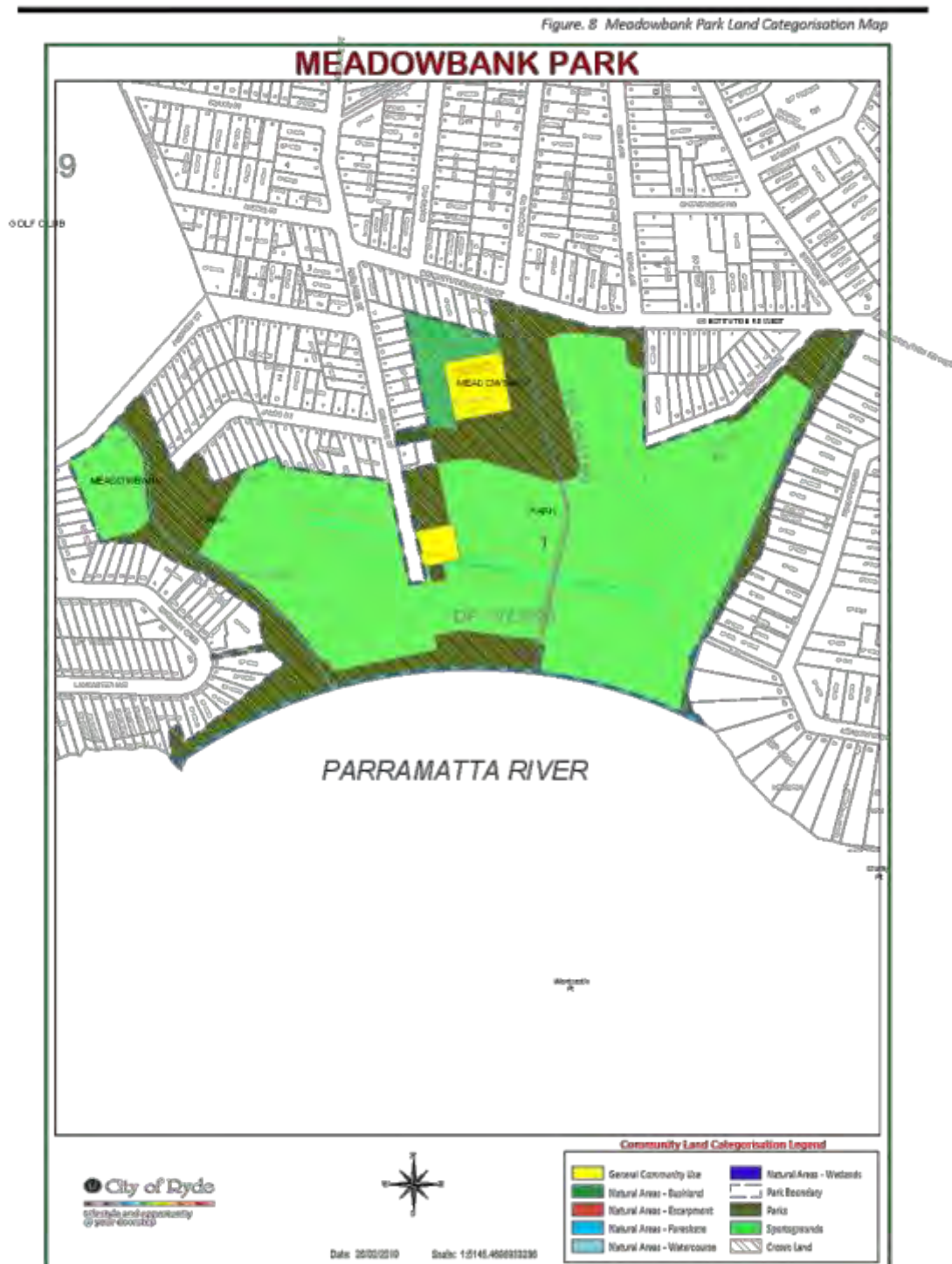
This Plan of Management does not seek to alter any of the existing categorisations that are presently assigned to the Park. The categories assigned to land included in this Plan of Management are listed in Table 9.



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Table 9 Land Categorisation

Land Category	Core Objectives
<b>General community use</b>  <i>(Local Government Act 1993 Section 36I)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The core objectives for management of community land categorised as general community use are to promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public, and</li> <li>In relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Sportsground</b>  <i>(Local Government Act 1993 Section 36F)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games, and</li> <li>To ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.</li> </ul>
<b>Parks</b>  <i>(Local Government Act 1993 Section 36G)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities,</li> <li>To provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games, and</li> <li>To improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.</li> </ul>
<b>Natural Area - Bushland</b>  <i>(Local Government Act 1993 Section 36J)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To ensure the ongoing ecological viability of the land by protecting the ecological biodiversity and habitat values of the land, the flora and fauna (including invertebrates, fungi and micro-organisms) of the land and other ecological values of the land,</li> <li>To protect the aesthetic, heritage, recreational, educational and scientific values of the land,</li> <li>To promote the management of the land in a manner that protects and enhances the values and quality of the land and facilitates public enjoyment of the land, and to implement measures directed to minimising or mitigating any disturbance caused by human intrusion,</li> <li>To restore degraded bushland,</li> <li>To protect existing landforms such as natural drainage lines, watercourses and foreshores,</li> <li>To retain bushland in parcels of a size and configuration that will enable the existing plant and animal communities to survive in the long term, and</li> <li>To protect bushland as a natural stabiliser of the soil surface.</li> </ul>

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Land Category	Core Objectives
<b>Natural Area - Foreshore</b>  <i>(Local Government Act 1993 Section 36N)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To maintain the foreshore as a transition area between the aquatic and the terrestrial environment, and to protect and enhance all functions associated with the foreshore's role as a transition area, and</li> <li>To facilitate the ecologically sustainable use of the foreshore, and to mitigate impact on the foreshore by community use.</li> </ul>
<b>Natural Area - Watercourse</b>  <i>(Local Government Act 1993 Section 36M)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To manage watercourses so as to protect the biodiversity and ecological values of the in stream environment, particularly in relation to water quality and water flows,</li> <li>To manage watercourses so as to protect the riparian environment, particularly in relation to riparian vegetation and habitats and bank stability,</li> <li>To restore degraded watercourses, and</li> <li>To promote community education, and community access to and use of the watercourse, without compromising the other core objectives of the category.</li> </ul>



Picnic area

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## 9. DEVELOPMENT AND USES

The use and development of community land should be generally compatible with both the intended function of the land, and the wider community context.

The identified uses listed in the table below are generally associated with those land categories, which will provide an overview and general guide, rather than impose a strict or defined meaning.

*Table 10 Development and Uses*

The use of the land and any such buildings or improvements as at that date	The purposes for which the land and any such buildings or improvements will be permitted to be used	The purposes for which any further development of the land will be permitted, whether under lease or licence or otherwise	Scale and intensity of use
Clause 35 (3A) (a) (ii)	Clause 35 (3A) (b) (i)	Clause 35 (3A) (b) (ii)	Clause 35 (3A) (b) (iii)
<b>Parks</b>			
Unstructured, informal recreation  Children's play  Youth play  Community events	Continue use for:  Unstructured, informal recreation  Children's play  Youth play  Community events	Reinforce the visual and landscape character of the park  Provide pedestrian access and link to sportsgrounds and surrounding neighbourhoods  Provide amenities to facilitate safety, use and enjoyment of the Park, e.g. children's play, BBQ, shelter, seating  Hard and soft landscaped areas  Improve circulation of car parking  Commercial development which is sympathetic to and supports use in the area, e.g. cafes, kiosks, recreation hire equipment areas	Refer to Meadowbank Park Masterplan  Organised Sports and Sports Field/Court Lighting: 7am - 11pm 7 days per week as per Council's assessment of Casual, Pre-Season, Seasonal and/or School Use Application form and in accordance with Allocation Policy and Development Application for sport field/court lighting.  Skate Park and Skate Park Lighting: Sunrise - 8pm Monday to Saturday and sunrise - 7pm Sunday (subject to regular review by Council).  Multi-purpose sports courts (including informal basketball): Sunrise - 8pm Monday to Saturday and sunrise - 7pm Sunday (subject to regular review by Council).  Amenities building: as per Council's operational requirements and/or user group requirements.  Formal car parks (Adelaide St and Andrew St): gates unlocked 30 minutes before first booking and locked 30 minutes after last book or as per Council's operational requirements.  Personal Training: 6am - 11pm 7 days per week and as per Council's assessment of Application for Personal Training, no conflicts with sporting user groups and in designated area.  Path lighting: As per Lighting Policy.  Dog Off Leash Area: Permitted in designated area at designated time as per park signage and Council's website.

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<i>Development and Uses (Continue)</i>			
The use of the land and any such buildings or improvements as at that date	The purposes for which the land and any such buildings or improvements will be permitted to be used	The purposes for which any further development of the land will be permitted, whether under lease or licence or otherwise	Scale and intensity of use
Clause 36 (3A) (a) (ii)	Clause 36 (3A) (b) (i)	Clause 36 (3A) (b) (ii)	Clause 36 (3A) (b) (iii)
<b>Sportsgrounds</b>			
Organised sports, competitions and training	Continue use for: Organised sports, competitions and training	Development for the purpose of conducting, promoting and facilitating organised and unstructured sport, recreation and training	Refer to Meadowbank Park Masterplan
Unstructured recreation, sports and fitness activities	Unstructured recreation, sports and fitness activities	Provide amenities to facilitate safety, use and enjoyment of sports, such as sport amenity building, sports centre, meeting rooms, staff areas and lighting	Organised Sports and Sports Field Lighting: 7am - 11pm 7 days per week as per Council's assessment of Casual, Pre-Season, Seasonal and/or School Use Application form and in accordance with Allocation Policy and Development Application for sport field/court lighting.
Sport training	Sport training		Skate Park and Skate Park Lighting: Sunrise - 8pm Monday to Saturday and sunrise - 7pm Sunday (subject to regular review by Council).
Change room, canteen, shower and toilet facilities	Change room, canteen, shower and toilet facilities		Amenities building: as per Council's operational requirements and/or user group requirements.
Ancillary areas	Ancillary areas		Multi-purpose sports courts (including informal basketball): Sunrise - 8pm Monday to Saturday and sunrise - 7pm Sunday (subject to regular review by Council).
Community events	Community events		Formal car parks (Adelaide St and Andrew St): gates unlocked 30 minutes before first booking and locked 30 minutes after last book or as per Council's operational requirements.
			Community Events and Event Lighting: as per Council's assessment of the Major Event Application form and Development Application (if required).
			Personal Training: 6am - 11pm 7 days per week and as per Council's assessment of Application for Personal Training, no conflicts with sporting user groups and in designated area.
			Public Toilets: Sunrise to sunset or as per Council's operational requirements.
			Path lighting: As per Lighting Policy.
			Dog Off Leash Area: Permitted in designated area at designated time as per park signage and Council's website.



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Clause 36 (3A) (a) (ii)	Clause 36 (3A) (b) (i)	Clause 36 (3A) (b) (ii)	Clause 36 (3A) (b) (iii)
<b>Multi-purpose sports courts (incl. tennis courts)</b>			
Organised sports, competitions and training  Unstructured recreation, sports and fitness activities  Sport training  Change room, canteen, shower and toilet facilities  Ancillary areas	Continue use for:  Organised sports, competitions and training  Unstructured recreation, sports and fitness activities  Sport training  Change room, canteen, shower and toilet facilities  Ancillary areas	Development for the purpose of conducting, promoting and facilitating organised and unstructured sport, recreation and training  Provide amenities to facilitate safety, use and enjoyment of sports, such as sport amenity building, sports centre, meeting rooms, staff areas and lighting	Refer to Meadowbank Park Masterplan  Multi-purpose sports courts (including tennis) and Sports Field/Court Lighting: 6am- 11pm 7 days per week and in accordance with lease (if applicable) and Development Application for sport field/court lighting.  Public Toilets: Sunrise to sunset or as per Council's and/or user groups operational requirements.
<b>General Community Use</b>			
Casual or informal sport and recreational uses  Meetings including for social, recreational, educational or cultural purposes  Functions and workshops	Continue use for:  Casual or informal sport and recreational uses  Meetings including for social, recreational, educational or cultural purposes  Functions and workshops  Designated group use	Hard and soft landscaped works to improve access, amenity and the visual character of the general community area  Provide buildings or other amenity areas to facilitate use and enjoyment by the community	Refer to Meadowbank Park Masterplan  Organised sports and Sports Field/Court Lighting: 7am- 11pm 7 days per week as per Council's assessment of Casual, Pre-Season, Seasonal and/or School Use Application form and in accordance with Allocation Policy and Development Application for sport field/court lighting.  Community Events and Event Lighting: as per Council's assessment of the Major Event Application form and Development Application (if required).  Amenities building: as per Council's operational requirements and/or user group requirements.  Formal car parks (Adelaide St and Andrew St): gates unlocked 30 minutes before first booking and locked 30 minutes after last book or as per Council's operational requirements.  Personal Training: 6am- 11pm 7 days per week and as per Council's assessment of Application for Personal Training, no conflicts with sporting user groups and in designated area.  Public Toilets: Sunrise to sunset or as per Council's operational requirements.  Path lighting: As per Lighting Policy.

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The use of the land and any such buildings or improvements as at that date	The purposes for which the land and any such buildings or improvements will be permitted to be used	The purposes for which any further development of the land will be permitted, whether under lease or licence or otherwise	Scale and intensity of use
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<b>Watercourse</b>			
Stormwater conveyance	Continue use for: Stormwater conveyance Education	Development for the purpose of improving water quality and wildlife habitat  Provide amenities to facilitate use and enjoyment recreational activities and educational programs	Refer to Meadowbank Park Masterplan
<b>Foreshore</b>			
Transition zone	Continue use for: Conservation	Facilitate ecologically sustainable use of the foreshore  Mitigate impacts on the foreshore by the community	Refer to Meadowbank Park Masterplan
<b>Bushland</b>			
Conservation Bush regeneration	Continue use for: Conservation Bush regeneration	Provide amenities to facilitate conservation and education	Refer to Meadowbank Park Masterplan



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## 10. LEASES, LICENCES, PERMITS AND OTHER ESTATES

### 10.1 What are Leases, Licences, Permits and Other Estates

A lease, license or permit is a contract between a land owner and another entity, granting that entity a right to occupy an area for a specific period of time. Leases, licenses and permits formalise the use of community land by groups such as sporting clubs, community groups and schools, or by commercial organisations and individuals providing facilities or services for public use.

Leases may be granted for exclusive use to any organisation for any community purpose as determined by Council, on such terms as Council may provide.

A lease, licence, permit, other estate or easement (use agreement) may be granted over all or part of community land. Granting of leases, licences, permits, other estates and easements for the use or occupation of land covered by this Plan of Management are permissible for uses consistent with:

- The provisions listed in the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* (Section 46).
- There is a clear reason for granting a lease, and the lease is consistent with the intended use of the land.
- The use must be compatible with the community land category objectives outlined by the *Local Government Act 1993*.
- The use must be consistent with the zoning objectives outlined by the *Ryde Local Environment Plan 2014*.
- The use must be consistent with the core objectives for the Park and the overarching objectives in this Plan of Management.
- On Crown land the use must be consistent with the Reserve Purpose. All Crown land in this Plan of Management is reserved for Public Recreation. However, on Crown land, subject to the *Native Title Act 1993*, any secondary interest or short term licence described in Division 2.5 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* may be issued.
- There is a very strong link between the nature of the asset and the proposed tenant e.g. a lease of a scout hall to Scouts Australia, Lease of a football

clubhouse and associated facilities to a local registered football Club

The use must not have a detrimental impact on the Park or the community, and the public's right to access the Park must be preserved. Sub-leases are only allowable for the same purpose as the original lease.

Short term leases, licences and permits allows Council to programme different uses at different times. The maximum period for leases or licences is 21 years. Leased or licenced areas may be renewed or altered in the future to reflect changes in community needs.

### 10.2 Authorisation of Leases, Licences, Permits or Other Estates over Community Land

This Plan of Management expressly authorises existing leases and licence agreements until the end of their current term and expressly authorises the negotiations for new lease or licence renewals if so desired by Council and the incumbent lessee or licensee.

This Plan of Management expressly authorises Council to enter into a lease, licence or other estate to authorise, at its discretion, a permit to enable a person to do, without the need for public notification, one or more of the following:

- To transport material and equipment required in relation to work that is to be carried out on land adjoining the community land
- To remove waste or other material that is consequential on such work.

This Plan of Management expressly authorises the lease of residential properties on land acquired by Council for future open space/park until demolition. This Plan of Management also expressly authorises the leasing, licencing or granting of other estates to public utilities and telecommunications carriers including but not limited to those defined by the *Telecommunications Act 1997*, where the terms of the grant are consistent with Council's obligations under the *Local Government Act 1993*.

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The development of any infrastructure associated with the issuing of any lease license, permit or other estate would be subject to the relevant planning approvals being granted under the *Local Government Act*, the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* and/or the relevant State Environmental Planning Policy.

The issue of any lease, licence, permit or estate (including easements) on Crown land is subject to the provisions of *Native Title Act 1993* and Part 8 of the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.

Land categories available for leases and licenses are in accordance with the permissible uses in the various land category objectives and zoning:

This Plan of Management expressly authorises the Council to grant leases, licences or any other estates for

community land in accordance with the permissible uses identified or consistent with those in Table 8.

**10.3 Public Notification**

Section 47(1) of the *Local Government Act 1993* requires that any proposed lease, license or estate of community land for a period exceeding 5 years is advertised and community comment sought. Any comment received must be considered. Under Sections 46 and 47 a lease should not proceed if Council has received an objection to the proposed lease other than with the consent of the Minister administering the *Local Government Act*.

Table 11 Permissible Uses

Land category	Short term leases/licences/permits (less than 1 year)	Long term leases/licences (more than 1 year)
<b>General Community Use</b>  ( <i>Local Government Act 1993</i> Section 36(i))	<p>Short term leases licences and permits may be authorised for uses that benefit the community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community events and festivals</li> <li>- Sporting fixtures, events and promotions such as gala days and club meetings</li> <li>- Personal and group fitness classes</li> <li>- Broadcasting of filming of sports events, concerts or public speeches</li> <li>- School hiring for sport and recreational use</li> <li>- Private celebrations such as picnics, weddings and family gatherings</li> <li>- Filming and photography</li> <li>- Public speeches, meetings, presentations and performances</li> <li>- Approved commercial or trade business</li> <li>- Functions such as book launches and commemorative events</li> <li>- Fairs, markets, auctions and similar activities</li> <li>- Trade or business associated with delivering public events listed</li> </ul>	<p>Long term leases and licences may be authorised for uses that benefit the community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Childcare</li> <li>- Health and medical practitioners associated with the main facility such as physiotherapy or nutrition</li> <li>- Educational uses such as libraries, classes and workshops</li> <li>- Cultural uses such as concerts, theatres and galleries</li> <li>- Recreational pursuits such as sports, dance, games and fitness clubs</li> <li>- Structured and non-structured sports activities such as ball sports</li> <li>- Sporting uses developed/operated by a private operator</li> <li>- Low Intensity cafes/restaurants with internal/external seating and tables, kiosks (staffed/unstaffed)</li> <li>- Management of facilities</li> <li>- Public utilities and/or works associated with relevant legislation such as the <i>Telecommunications Act 1997</i></li> <li>- Sale or hire of sport and recreation goods and services</li> <li>- Social purposes</li> </ul>



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Land category	Short term leases/licences/permits (less than 1 year)	Long term leases/licences (more than 1 year)
<b>Sportsground</b> <i>(Local Government Act 1993 Section 36F)</i>	Short term licences and permits may be authorised for uses that benefit the community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community events and festivals</li> <li>- Sporting fixtures, events and promotions such as gala days and club meetings</li> <li>- Personal and group fitness classes</li> <li>- Broadcasting of filming of sporting fixtures</li> <li>- School hiring for sport and recreational use</li> <li>- Private celebrations such as picnics, weddings and family gatherings</li> <li>- Filming and photography</li> <li>- Public speeches, meetings, presentations and performances</li> <li>- Approved commercial or trade business</li> <li>- Fairs, markets and similar activities</li> </ul>	Long term leases and licences may be authorised for uses that benefit the community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community events and festivals</li> <li>- Sporting fixtures, events and promotions such as gala days and club meetings</li> <li>- Recreational pursuits such as sports, dance, games and fitness clubs</li> <li>- Structured and non-structured sports activities such as ball sports</li> <li>- Low intensity cafes/restaurants with internal/external seating and tables, kiosks (staffed/unstaffed)</li> <li>- Management facilities</li> <li>- Public utilities and/or works associated with relevant legislation such as the <b>Telecommunications Act 1997</b></li> <li>- Sale or hire of sport and recreation goods and services</li> </ul>
<b>Parks</b> <i>(Local Government Act 1993 Section 36G)</i>	Short term licences and permits may be authorised for uses that benefit the community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community events and festivals</li> <li>- Private celebrations such as weddings and family gatherings</li> <li>- Filming and photography</li> <li>- Public speeches, meetings, presentations and performances</li> <li>- Approved commercial or trade business</li> <li>- Fairs, markets and similar activities</li> <li>- School hiring for recreational and educational uses</li> </ul>	Long term leases and licences may be authorised for uses that benefit the community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recreational pursuits such as sports, dance, games and fitness clubs</li> <li>- Structured and non-structured sports activities such as ball sports</li> <li>- Low intensity cafes/restaurants with internal/external seating and tables, kiosks (staffed/unstaffed)</li> <li>- Management facilities</li> <li>- Sale or hire of sport and recreation goods and services</li> <li>- Public utilities and/or works associated with relevant legislation such as the <b>Telecommunications Act 1997</b></li> </ul>
<b>Natural Areas</b> <i>(Local Government Act 1993 Section 36E)</i>	Short term licences and permits may be authorised for uses that benefit the community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Environmentally focused community groups</li> <li>- Filming and photography</li> </ul>	Long term leases and licences may be authorised for uses that benefit the community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public utilities and/or works associated with relevant legislation such as the <b>Telecommunications Act 1997</b></li> </ul>

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## 11. IMPLEMENTATION AND REVIEW

### Implementation

Recommendations in this Plan of Management are to be implemented in order of priorities established in the action plan over the next 5 to 10 years.

### Review

This Plan of Management is to be reviewed in line with requirements of the *NSW Local Government Act 1993* and Regulations and the *Crown Land Management Act 2016*.

This Plan of Management will have an interim review within 5 years and a comprehensive review within 10 years of adoption.

This Plan of Management for Meadowbank Park, when adopted will revoke any existing generic Park Plan of Management.



Pathway 44 - Shared user path (entry from Crowley Cres/Lancaster Ave)

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## 12. FUNDING

In addition to funds available from Council's Delivery Plan and maintenance budgets, there are opportunities for grants and corporate sponsorship that could contribute to the completion of development works to Meadowbank Park. These include:

- Metropolitan Green Space Program
- Crown Reserves Improvement Fund
- NSW Heritage Assistance Program
- Sydney Metropolitan CMA Catchment Action Plan Grants
- NSW Environmental Trust Grants
- Community Water Grants
- NSW Department of Sport and Recreation Grants Program:
  - Sport Development Grant Program
  - Regional Sports Infrastructure Fund
  - Local Sport Grant Program
  - Greater Sydney Sports Facility Fund



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## 13. ACTION PLANS

This section details the objectives, targets, actions, performance measures and priorities needed to effectively and efficiently maintain Meadowbank Park.

### Action Plans Structure

The actions are displayed in table form, structured using the five management directions:

- Provision and access
- Environmental sustainability
- Management and maintenance
- Community interaction and engagement
- Leases, licences, permits and other estates

### Priority of implementation

For each action in the Action Plan a corresponding priority for its implementation is assigned as follows:

- **High (H):** Top priority. Where there are no impediments to its delivery, this action should be achieved in up to 4 years
- **Medium (M):** Second tier priority with implementation due in up to 7 years
- **Low (L):** Not an urgent implementation action but important nonetheless and should be planned for completion in up to 10 years
- **Ongoing (O):** A recurrent action that may be regularly repeated.

The time frames provided are indicative only. As opportunities arise to deliver these actions, timeframes may need to be adjusted. It should be noted that the delivery of the various actions may extend beyond the 10 year time frame. Some of the actions suggested are large, complex projects that may require additional funding from Council's annual works programmes and/or partnerships with State and Federal Government departments through their various grant agencies.



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13.1 Provision and Access

Table. 12 Action Plans - Provision and Access

Management issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Strategic planning	Examine ways to optimise the use of sportsgrounds to and meet recreation needs now and into the future	Develop and implement long term plans for the provision and development of sporting and recreational facilities to meet community needs	Strategic studies undertaken in a timely manner and reviewed on regular basis	O
	Sportsgrounds Masterplanned and developed in a timely manner to meet current and future community needs.	Prepare Masterplan for the Park	Masterplan prepared for community feedback	H
Sportsgrounds	Ensure the sportsground and facilities are fit for purpose	Design all new sportsgrounds to meet where possible NSW Office of Sports dimensions, technical and surface standards	Sportsgrounds dimension meet standards	H
	Maximise the use of sportsgrounds for extended seasonal and daily usage	Reconfigure sportsgrounds to maximise multifunctional field numbers	Increased field numbers	H
		Provide multifunctional synthetic turf for all weather play	Synthetic turf installed in accordance with the masterplan	M
		Provide floodlights to all sportsground that comply with Australian Standard- Sports Lighting (AS 2560.2.3-2007)	Compliant floodlights installed	M
Informal use of fields and courts	Provide sport and recreational facilities for the whole community through a balance between the provision of structured and unstructured opportunities	Plan and design sportsgrounds to include areas for informal public active recreation including public use of fields or courts when they are not being used by organised sport	All sportsgrounds planning to consider multi-user and community use for active recreation outcomes	O
		Design sport courts and fields for multiple sport games	Increased number of multifunctional sport courts and fields	M
		Increase informal sport courts, such as half court, outdoor games	Increased number of informal sport courts	M
Complementary Facilities	Provide park facilities to increase enjoyment of sports groups and park users	Provide complementary recreation facilities in sportsgrounds, such as shade structures, picnic and barbecue facilities, and seating for resting and spectating	Increased complementary facilities	M

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Action Plans - Provision and Access (Continued)				
Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Fitness and outdoor play	Encourage physical activities for all ages and abilities	Increase family friendly fitness equipment for all age groups, especially for seniors	Fitness equipment installed	M
		Explore opportunities to provide spaces for outdoor games, such as ping pong, board games, yard games	Increased opportunities for outdoor play	M
Skate-parks	Provide opportunities for this facility to be used for organised skate events.	Explore opportunities to host events at the skate-park in line with Council's event policy.	Compliance with City of Ryde policies and legislative requirements	M
Impact on adjoining residents	Ensure that planning and design of functional sportsgrounds consider the needs of adjacent residents, and minimise impacts from crowds, noise, and lighting	Properly and sensitively located lighting designs and fittings that minimises lighting spill to adjoining areas (in accordance with Australian Standards)	Community feedback	O
Amenity buildings	Ensure amenity buildings are fit for purpose and provide high quality facilities for the enjoyment of sports groups and park users	Through the masterplan process investigate the feasibility of upgrading or relocating the Amenity Building and Clubhouse near LH Waud Field and netball courts	Concept development for community consultation	M
		Through the masterplan process investigate the feasibility of upgrading or relocating the Western Amenity Building	Concept development for community consultation	M
		Through the masterplan process investigate the feasibility of upgrading or relocating the Amenity Building between Little Creek and Field 2	Concept development for community consultation	H
		Increase amenities for informal sports and activities, such as half courts, outdoor games and playgrounds	Amenities installed	M
		Ensure all new park buildings include sustainability measures such as water tanks to capture runoff for toilet flushing and solar power where appropriate	Sustainability features included in new buildings	O

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*Action Plans - Provision and Access (Continued)*

Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Community needs	Ensure the provision of a wide range of park amenities that meet the present and future needs of the community	Improve and locate park amenities for passive recreation, such as benches, picnic tables, BBQ, drinking fountains, shade, lighting, bins and toilets	Park facilities installed	M
		Repair and upgrade existing park furniture	Park furniture repaired upgraded	O
Food and beverages outlet	Provide opportunities to enjoy food and beverages for community benefit	Explore opportunities to activate the park by providing for approved commercial activities in the public interest, such as café, kiosk and mobile food service in association with recreational and sport facilities	Concept prepared for community feedback	M
Play spaces	Offer children's play spaces that are varied in intent and design for all age groups and all abilities	Provide regional playground (all abilities) near the existing skateboard facility on Constitution Road	Concept prepared for community feedback	H
		Plan and design playgrounds in accordance with City of Ryde Play Implementation Plan	Playground provided in accordance with City of Ryde Play Implementation Plan	O
	Ensure high quality and easy-to-access play space for the whole-of-a-family experiences	Identify locations for playgrounds in Meadowbank Park that are easy to access by local communities on daily basis	Location identified in masterplan	H
		Upgrade the local playground at Ross Smith Avenue and provide complimentary amenities for other passive and active recreation opportunities, such as family friendly fitness equipment, benches, picnic and BBQ facilities	Park upgraded and new facilities installed	M
		Upgrade the neighbourhood playground at Andrew Street and provide complimentary facilities for other passive and active recreation opportunities, such as multi-generational spaces, fitness equipment, benches, picnic and BBQ facilities	Park upgraded and new facilities installed	M

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*Action Plans - Provision and Access (Continued)*

Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Shade	Provide adequate shade for park users	Plant trees for shade in appropriate locations with consideration to floodlighting and overshadowing of sports turf on fields near sportsgrounds	Shade provided	O
		Introduce shade structure at appropriate locations	Shade provided	O
		Maximise the benefit of existing tree canopies in new projects	Design concept to integrate existing tree shade	O
Dog exercise	Provide opportunities to exercise dogs in a safe and responsible manner for all park users in the park	Designate and manage accessible off leash areas in the park	Areas designated	M
		Designate and manage on-leash dog exercise areas	Areas designated	M
		Enforce City of Ryde Dog Policy and Companion Animal Act	Policies and legislation enforced	O
		Install dog waste bag dispensers, dog waste bins and water bowls in designated leashed and unleashed dog exercise areas	Facilities installed	M



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*Action Plans - Provision and Access (Continued)*

Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Access and wayfinding	Ensure that high use areas are visible from nearby streets and other public areas	Improve amenities at main park entries, such as signage, mass planting, benches, etc.	Amenity elements installed	M
	Ensure equal access to high use areas for all members of the community regardless of ability, age, gender and race	Undertaken an access audit measuring community wellbeing, access, social cohesion, usability and biodiversity benefit	Audit completed	M
		Implement recommendations for access audit	Access Committee support	O
		Where possible, provide universal physical access to park facilities (BBQ, toilet, play equipment) where demand exists through design of pathways, parking areas and facilities	Physical access provided Consistent with Australian Standards and Disability Discrimination Act Regular inspections	O
		Provide picnic settings, amenities and car parking which are accessible to views and other desirable park locations where possible to allow for use by elderly people and people with specific needs	Positive feedback from users	M
	Provide pathways to facilitate movement to, from and within the Park	Construct pathways with resilient, hard-wearing, ecologically considerate materials where possible in accordance with Australian Standards for accessibility	Path construction consistent with Australian Standards Access for people using wheelchairs, personal mobility devices, prams and strollers Easier access for the elderly and infirm	O
	Facilitate easy navigating in the Park	Develop signage plan and concept design to facilitate wayfinding	Signage plan and design concept delivered and implemented	O
	Ensure the sportsgrounds and recreational facilities are used in an appropriate manner	Develop signage plan and concept design providing user information for the fields, fitness stations, and recreational facilities	Signage plan and design concept delivered and implemented	O

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Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Public transport access	Ensure park facilities are easily accessible by public transport	Locate key facilities in parks close to public transport stops where possible	Observations Surveys of park users regarding mode of transport used to access Meadowbank Park	O
	Increase in trips to parks and general community use facilities by public transport	Enhance connections between Meadowbank Park and public transport connection facilities where possible	Increase in park users using public transport to access Meadowbank Park	O
		Articulate pedestrian and cycle connections between the Park and public transport through signage, lighting and line marking	Increase in park users using public transport to access Meadowbank Park	O
Parking	Improve vehicular circulation in the car park during peak uses.	Connect Constitution Road and Adelaide Road car parks to improve circulation	Traffic study conducted and design concept developed for community feedback	M
	Distribute vehicular access from multiple entries	Investigate additional parking bays and drop off areas at Ross Smith Street and Andrew Street	Traffic study conducted and design concept developed for community feedback	M
	Ensure easy access to main recreational facilities for park users with accessibility needs	Provide disabled parking bays and allow for limited time parking near playgrounds	Disabled parking and limited time parking provided Community satisfaction	M
	Improve arrival experiences	Increase tree canopies and ground cover planting in car park medians	Concept developed for community feedback	M
	Ensure parking within the park is used appropriately in the benefit of park visitors	Review parking operations and develop parking policies to restrict commuter parking within the park.	Management measures carried out	O
		Investigate electric vehicle charging station and car share parking bay in car-parks	Investigations carried out	O

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Action Plans - Provision and Access (Continued)				
Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Unauthorised vehicle access prevented beyond defined road	Clear identifiable entries to the Park	Provide park entries and signage to prevent unauthorised vehicle access	Detailed planning and design carried out	M
	Manage authorised vehicle access	Provide controlled access for authorised vehicles include police/emergency and maintenance use	Management measures carried out	O
Pedestrian/ bike/skate/ scooter access and circulation	Establish and promote links to the park and the surrounding areas	Investigate location for pedestrian links between Memorial and Meadowbank Parks	Concept developed for community feedback	M
		Create pedestrian access point adjacent to Constitution Road vehicular entry	Path installed	M
		Widen Ryde RiverWalk shared path	Shared path widened	L
		Encourage cycling by improving bike facilities, such as bike racks, self-service air pumps.	Bike facilities installed	H
		Create a network of shared paths within the park that link to key entries and facilities	Paths installed	M
Safety measures for cyclists and pedestrians	Ensure the paths and shared paths are used in an appropriate and safe manner	Provide paths and shared paths with sufficient width and safety	Install paths fit for purpose	O
		Install signage and line marking to clearly identify the purpose of the paths	Install signage and line markings	M
Cycle and pedestrian	Connect the Park to a broader path network along Parramatta River as part of Greater Sydney Commission North District Plan	Follow the recommendations identified in Parramatta River Parklands Plan of Management to improve walking and safe cycle ways, and enhance foreshore access to Sydney Harbour	Recommendations implemented	O
		Connect the Park to broad RiverWalk network according to the RiverWalk Masterplan including links to other external tracks such as the Parramatta Valley Cycleway and the Wharf to Wharf Walk	Recommendations implemented	O
Universal access	Encourage and facilitate park uses for all abilities groups	Design to comply with state and federal legislation requiring all public buildings to be accessible and for car parks and pathways to facilitate access for people with mobility and accessibility needs	Compliance with legislative requirements in all design	O

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Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Safety	Facilitate safe use in evenings	Design and install pedestrian lighting to create safe routes connecting RiverWalk and main entries in accordance with City of Ryde Draft Open Space Lighting Policy.	Lighting installed to applicable P rating and/or AS/NZ Standard	O
		Develop projects with considerations of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)	New projects and site maintenance in accordance with CPTED principles	O
		Lighting design should consider the impacts on native wildlife, especially nocturnal species	Lighting carried out in accordance with the draft Open Space Lighting Policy	O
Fencing	Protect the park from unauthorised vehicle access while maintaining access for pedestrians, bikes, skateboards, scooters, wheelchairs and personal mobility devices	Plan, design and construct appropriate vehicular fencing between Constitution Road, skatepark and other park access points	Fence, bollards installed and maintained	H
	Separate conflicting activities in the Park such as children's playgrounds, natural areas, picnic/BBQ facilities and unleashed dog exercise areas	Design and install appropriate vehicle barriers and fencing in identified areas	Appropriate vehicle barriers and fencing installed according to detail design	O
	Investigate options to replace existing cyclone mesh fencing along waterways with more function palisade style fencing	Design and install upgraded fencing	Fencing installed	M
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### 13.2 Environmental Sustainability

Table 13 Action Plans - Environmental Sustainability

Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Climate change	Ensure climate considerations are included in planning to ensure park assets are maintained and planned for in a sustainable way without increasing maintenance burdens	Undertake whole of life cycle assessment of new and integrated park designs to ensure Park can deliver without financial implication as per Asset Management Plan	Requirements of Asset Management Plan met	O
		Consider effects such as exacerbation of urban heat, extended drought periods, intense short duration rainfall events, coastal inundation and their impacts on turf management and the broader area	Climate Change effects considered	O
Biodiversity	Protect and enhance biodiversity and promote enjoyment	Assess the risks and threats to biodiversity in the Park and develop biodiversity strategies for the Park	Prepare flora and fauna study	H
		Conserve existing natural areas through the promotion of bushcare and other complimentary activities	Bushcare activities maintained and increased	O
		Enhance and protect native flora and fauna and maintain ecosystem function in respect to the natural areas within the reserve.	Increased local native plant diversity - undertake appropriate management of environmentally sensitive areas, including remnant bushland, critically endangered saltmarsh and any threatened species in the park	O
		Plant more trees and understory plants at appropriate locations. With consideration given to sightlines and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)	Increased trees and understory plants	O
		Implement Ryde Biodiversity Plan 2016	Protect and promote biodiversity in accordance with the Plan	O

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Action Plans - Environmental Sustainability (Continued)				
Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Biodiversity	Protect and promote habitat for urban wildlife	Explore opportunities to restore natural habitats along the river and creeks	Concept developed for community feedback	M
		In low pedestrian traffic plant edges with a mix of canopy and understory including groundcover to assist foreshore species migration from the river and provide green corridor links to upper catchment for biodiversity benefit	Increase in corridor planting	O
	Raise public awareness and encourage community involvement in promoting biodiversity	Engage with local community and bushcare group in designing places and developing programmes to encourage biodiversity including saltmarsh communities	Increased community involvement in activities of promoting biodiversity	O
	Balance management and development of sportsgrounds and their use for active recreation so that biodiversity is maintained and where possible enhanced	Sportsground management takes into account the need to mitigate possible impacts on biodiversity and actively consider enhancement opportunities	Ryde Biodiversity Plan action items implemented	O
	Ensure an ongoing healthy ecosystem in the Park	Plant, manage and maintain trees according to the City of Ryde Urban Forest Policy and Tree Management Plan	Monitor the health of the flora and fauna in the Park	O
Mangrove	Ensure ongoing health of the mangrove and saltmarsh communities	Conduct flora and fauna study of the mangrove and saltmarsh communities to assess the risks and threats and develop strategies for its ongoing health	Fauna and flora study delivered	H
		Continue to monitor the health of the mangrove and salt marsh habitat	Monitoring reports	O
Education	Raise public awareness of the natural habitat and ecosystem in the Park	Install information signage near the natural habitats to illustrate the functionality and environmental threats to the ecosystems in the Park	Signage installed Raised public awareness	O
	Raise public awareness of the sustainable design and management measures taking place in the Park	Install information signage to demonstrate the sustainable design and management measures in the Park	Signage installed Raised public awareness	O

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Action Plans - Environmental Sustainability (Continued)

Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Delineation of parks and natural areas	Clearly delineate parks, sportsgrounds and general community use areas from natural areas as appropriate and when funding is available	Enforce appropriate management practices at the interface between bushland and turf sports facilities, such as planting of native plants, physical barriers such as retaining walls and logs, mowing zones and regimes, use of fertiliser, stormwater management, minimising pedestrian access points into surrounding bushland.	Vegetated edges and delineations between parks and natural areas identified and implemented. Biodiversity protected, especially where threatened species and endangered ecological communities are present.	O
	Identify and maintain a naturally vegetated edge between sportsgrounds and general community use areas and natural areas	Prevent grass clippings entering natural areas. Implement landscaping, fencing as appropriate between parks, sportsgrounds and general community use areas and natural areas	Minimal impact of recreation and community activities on adjoining natural areas	O
Landscaping	Integrate well designed and resilient planting schemes with the functional elements of the land to result in a strong and unique park identity and pleasing visual amenity	Prepare appropriate landscape masterplan including planting, park furniture and related elements according to Council's Delivery Plan	Landscape masterplan developed and implemented	O
		Develop tree masterplan to improve amenity, biodiversity and connectivity for wildlife.	Tree masterplan developed and implemented	O
Trees	Plant, manage and maintain trees according to the City of Ryde Urban Forest Policy and Tree Management Plan	Protect trees from mechanical maintenance equipment damage, such as using mulch rings around trees in turf.	Adherence to Service Level Agreements and vegetation management plans	O
		Investigate and prosecute tree vandalism in accordance with City of Ryde Tree Management Plan	Adherence to Tree Management Plan	O
		Implement deterrent measures such as enforcing fines, installing signs highlighting the vandalism, leaving tree stumps as wildlife habitat and replacing vandalised trees with suitable species	Tree vandalism recorded occurrence reduced	O

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*Action Plans - Environmental Sustainability (Continued)*

Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Stormwater runoff	Promote natural infrastructure to protect water quality and reduce long term maintenance and operational costs	Enhance riparian planting along creeks to reduce direct surface runoff into the water courses	Monitor water quality	M
		Increase the use of permeable surfaces to increase infiltration and decrease stormwater run off	Permeable paving area increased	O
		Install rain gardens and swales where possible to capture and filter stormwater runoff prior discharging into water courses	More surface runoff conveyed to rain gardens and swales	O
		Implement using Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) principles in design and planning	Design and planning incorporate WSUD principles	O
Gross pollutant trap	Reduce stormwater pollutant and protect water quality	Continue maintenance of the GPTs and provide interpretive signage to educate park users of the GPT function in reducing litter going into the Parramatta River	Interpretive signage explaining GPT function installed	M
Creeks naturalisation	Restore natural creek habit for environmental and community benefits	Identify priority areas for creek restoration	Priority areas identified	O
		Reserve green spaces along the creeks wherever possible for future creek naturalisation when funding becomes available	Space reserved	O
	Improve water quality of the creeks	Introduce mass planting along the creeks to increase infiltration and reduce stormwater pollutant	Water quality improved	O
Irrigation	Reuse or recycle stormwater in the Park as part of the broader integrated water cycle management strategy	Increase stormwater tank capacity for irrigation	New stormwater tanks for irrigation installed	M



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Action Plans - Environmental Sustainability (Continued)				
Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Watercourses	Restore natural habitat for urban wildlife and recreational benefits in and along watercourses	Investigate opportunity for increasing flows through Charity Creek and Archer Creek to enable a constant flow and reduce the incidence of stagnant water at the riparian edge contributing to the incidence of mosquito breeding	Feasibility study undertaken	M
		Identify priority areas for restoring natural creek lines and installing WSUD measures such as bioswales along watercourses to be installed when funding becomes available.	Concept developed for community feedback	M
Construction materials	Promote sustainable construction materials and consider life cycle cost	Consider the life cycle cost of construction materials, such as fit for purpose, transport distance, long term availability, robustness, recycled materials and easy for maintenance	Cost effective design and reduced long term maintenance cost	O
Weed and animal pest management when required	Actively manage weeds, animal pests and diseases of turf and plants using environmentally sound practices	Implement Council's weed and pest control as per Service Level Agreements	Management of weed and pest species consistent with Service Level Agreements and specific treatment where required	O
	Control weeds and animal pests in parks, especially in and adjacent to natural areas	Remove dead, dying or diseased plants and monitor animal pest activities in the Park	Weeds and animal pests managed	O
	Control weeds and animal pests in the Park	Provide signage in parks and public notifications (as required) to indicate when weed and animal pest control activities are being undertaken	Signage installed as per Council's Pesticide Notification Plan and public notifications as per Council's Feral Animal Control Plan and legislation	O
Aboriginal cultural heritage	Protect the aboriginal cultural heritage items in the park	Protect indigenous heritage items located in the Park	Heritage items projected	O
Cultural heritage	Protect, reflect and interpret the cultural heritage values in the park	Protect and interpret heritage listed items such as the former site of Meadowbank House and park gates on Constitution Road	Heritage items projected and interpreted	O

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### 13.3 Management and Maintenance

Table. 14 Management and Maintenance

Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Park management and maintenance	Manage and maintain Meadowbank Park in an efficient and effective manner	Undertake maintenance and improvements to Meadowbank Park in accordance with the applicable City of Ryde Service Level Agreement	Compliant with the applicable Service Level Agreements	O
Horticulture and planting	Manage and maintain the health and aesthetic quality of landscape elements in the Park	Manage and maintain the soft landscape in accordance with the applicable Plan of Management and Service Level Agreements	Compliant with the applicable Service Level Agreements and applicable Plan of Management	O
Park furniture and landscape elements	Ensure the safety and reliability of furniture and infrastructure in the park, such as lighting, seats, drinking fountains, shade structure, sports courts, bins and signage	Manage and maintain the park furniture in accordance with the applicable Plan of Management and Service Level Agreements	Compliant with the applicable Service Level Agreements and applicable Plan of Management	O
Path and shared user path	Ensure the safety and connectivity of the path network	Conduct regular inspection and maintenance ensuring the surfaces are in good conditions, and line markings are clearly visible and adequate	Path surfaces are in good condition Line markings are clearly visible	
		Manage and maintain the pedestrian and shared user path lighting ensuring the identified evening safe routes meet safety standards in accordance with the Draft City of Ryde Open Space Lighting Policy	Lighting installed to applicable P rating and/or AS/NZ Standard	
		Pathway lighting to be environmentally considerate through reducing light spill into vegetated areas potentially used by fauna. Use of fauna Friendly lighting, dimming and control features to minimise spill	Lighting installed as per draft Open Space Lighting Policy	

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*Action Plans - Management and Maintenance (Continued)*

Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Buildings	Ensure that park users find buildings clean, attractive, functional and safe to use	Manage and maintain the buildings in accordance with the applicable Plan of Management and Service Level Agreements	Compliant with the applicable Service Level Agreements	O
Sport event, non-sporting events special events and special sporting events and reserve hire	Encourage social and cultural events in the Park to foster community bonding and social coherence	Designate areas for events to reduce impact on other park activities.	Area in the Park identified	M
		Promote and maintain online event/function booking system	Compliance with Park Booking System. Hire charges consistent with adopted fees and charges	O
		Enforce the City of Ryde's policies on event management	Compliance with City of Ryde policies and legislative requirements	O
	Manage event use and reserve hire to prevent conflicts with other users and damage to sportsgrounds, courts and ancillary facilities	Support non-structured and passive recreational activities that do not adversely affect sportsground condition, including community or Council organised special events, festivals or activities	Compliance with City of Ryde policies and legislative requirements	O
		Approve other uses subject to ground allocations to sporting clubs and playing and training schedules	Approvals only provided where appropriate	O
	Manage event applications to ensure events are well organised and compliant with all City of Ryde policies and procedures	Ensure Non-sporting events, Special Events and Special Sporting Events have Development Application and Traffic Management Plans obtained by Event Organiser	Development Application and Traffic Management Plans in place and implemented as required	O
Smoke-free environment	Ensure all users can enjoy the Park in smoke-free environment	Enforce non-smoking legislations and City of Ryde No Smoking Policy	Legislation and policy enforced	O
		Install no smoking signs in enclosed public spaces, playgrounds, skatepark, and recreational areas for group gathering	Signs installed	M

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Action Plans - Management and Maintenance (Continued)				
Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure <sup>1</sup>	Priority
Quality of playing surfaces	Manage and maintain sportsgrounds in an efficient and effective manner.  Ensure design and management of sportsgrounds considers the sustainability of the playing surface and manages use to levels that minimise long term degradation of the surface.	Manage weeds, pests and disease using environmentally sound practices and in accordance with the applicable Service Level Agreement	Pests, weeds and diseases managed to minimise loss of use hours	O
		Maintain acceptable turf cover on playing fields as fit for purpose and considering climatic extended events, council water targets and budgetary allowance	Delivery of maintenance through Service Level Agreements and community satisfaction	O
		Maintain playing surfaces at an acceptable standard through regular maintenance cycles	Turf heights and cover meet agreed standards for user sports	O
		Undertake correct irrigation practice (watering outside of peak heat periods, 10am-3pm, to avoid waterlogging or drying out)	User satisfaction Soil and turf inspections and reports Smart monitoring and automated water systems to water in cooler parts of the day implemented	O
		Review the Park for opportunities to install water capturing devices for irrigation reuse	Number of sportsgrounds with installed water tanks and reuse irrigation systems	O
		Monitoring water usage and increases from community or climate related increase and seek to install automated water timing devices to maximise water table retention and minimise water wastage	Automated timers installed and reduction in consumption at the Park	O
		Implement the City of Ryde Synthetic Action Plan (2016-2026) and Sport and Recreation Strategy	User satisfaction	O
		Maintain synthetic and built playing areas (fields and courts) to manufactures' recommendations	User satisfaction	O
		Implementation of City of Ryde Sports Ground Allocation Policy, ensuring the use programming for sporting areas does not exceed design capacity of weekly use	Design capacity not exceeded	O
		When refurbishing or redeveloping sporting areas ensure that designs incorporate improved resilience to use and more efficient management regimes	All refurbishment or redevelopment to improve design capacity of sporting areas using life cycle cost vs benefit assessment prior to business case submission	O



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Action Plans - Management and Maintenance (Continued)				
Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Allocation and bookings	Manage sportsgrounds and facilities to maximise their use	Implement Council's Sports Ground Allocation Policy	High utilisation of playing areas during peak hours (week day afternoons and evenings; weekends)	O
	Allocate use of sportsgrounds to sporting organisations fairly and equitably and with consideration of changing user trends and demographics	Review the Sportsground Allocation Policy every 5 years	Satisfactory outcomes for sporting and community organisations Review completed	M
Enforcement of restricted and prohibited activities	Ensure that restricted and prohibited activities do not take place in Meadowbank Park	Enforce restricted and prohibited activities in Meadowbank Park according to regulatory signage	Enforcement and ranger reports Community reporting to Council	O
Tree management	Implement proactive and sound tree management practices in and around Meadowbank Park	Trees maintained in accordance with City of Ryde Urban Forest Policy and Tree Management Plan	Tree inspections and reports Reports from community	O
	Maintain trees to standard in a healthy and safe condition	Replace removed or fallen trees with locally indigenous species where appropriate. Where a whole tree cannot be retained, preserve trees or trunks containing hollows for habitat	Increase in whole or part of fallen trees retained	O
Waste management	Ensure waste management practices minimise litter responds to the individual characteristics and uses of Meadowbank Park	Regularly check bins and grounds	Minimised noticeable or reported litter occurrence around sportsgrounds	O
		Empty bins according to Service Level Agreement and as required		
		Provide additional general waste and recycling bins where and when required such as for larger competitions and events	Bins provided when needed	O
		Provide water refill stations at nominated locations in Meadowbank Park	Water stations installed	M

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Action Plans - Management and Maintenance (Continued)				
Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Dog and companion animals	Ensure that the needs of dog exercise are harmonious with other park uses	Develop and implement policies for managing off leash dog exercise areas	Policies developed and implemented	O
		Enforce the Companion Animals Act in terms of unleashed dogs	No conflicts between dogs and other park users	O
Mosquitoes	Reduce the population of mosquitoes in the park	Investigate success of mosquito repellent plants in affected areas	Reduction in mosquito numbers	O
		Develop control measures and management practices to manage mosquito population	Control measures implemented	O
External funding	Staged implementation programme addresses community and environmental priorities	Masterplan and staged action plan to provide basis for seeking of external funding	Awarding of various funding grants	H
Internal funding	Identify staging for the delivery of prioritised works	Link delivery programme to identified works	Funding through delivery programme identified	H

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### 13.4 Community Interaction and Engagement

Table. 15 Community Interaction and Engagement

Management issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Community engagement	Foster strong connections between the local community and stakeholders associated with Meadowbank Park	Consult with the community and park stakeholders to understand current and future needs in the Park	Feedback from community engagement programs and park usage study	O
		Keep the community informed on any proposed and approved developments and improvements in the Park	Community engagement carried out	O
		Inform community of events, programs and social groups available in the Park through online media and newsletter	Community engagement carried out	O
Planning and design	Respond to community needs by providing feedback and information through the Plan of Management and Masterplan for Meadowbank Park	Develop a Masterplan for Meadowbank Park in response to stakeholder and community feedbacks	Masterplan delivered	H
		Active consultation with the community, sports groups and stakeholders in developing the Masterplan and management strategies	Feedbacks from community, sports groups and stakeholders	H
		Obtain community feedback on proposed design and improvements in Meadowbank Park	Community feedback	O
Social and cultural opportunities	Foster social and cultural integration	Encourage engagement with different social and cultural groups to understand their specific needs in the Park	Community feedback	O
		Provide multi-purpose spaces for informal social gathering and cultural programs	Space provided	M

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Action Plans - Community Interaction and Engagement (Continued)				
Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Aboriginal cultural items	Raise public awareness of aboriginal history associated with Meadowbank Park	Develop and implement interpretation strategy to highlight aboriginal history associated with the Park	Aboriginal history interpreted	
History and cultural significance of the Park	Develop and interpret the history and background of Meadowbank Park	Highlight and interpret the significant contributions made by individuals to the community and the Park as appropriate	Concept developed and community feedback received	M
Public Art	Provide opportunities for the inclusion of public art in Meadowbank Park	Investigate opportunities for public art	Investigations undertaken.	O

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13.5 Leases, Licences, Permits and Other Estates

Table 16 Leases, Licences, Permits and Other Estates

Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Use agreements	Ensure that use agreements meet legislative requirements, adhere to planning controls, cater for community needs, and are consistent with Council's objectives.	Expressly authorise Council to enter into leases, licenses, permits and other estates which formalise the use of parks, general community use land, sportsground and natural areas by groups such as community groups, schools or by commercial organisations and individuals providing facilities or services for public use	All use agreements comply with legislation and Council policy	O
	Grant leases, licences, permits and other estates in accordance with the Local Government Act 1993, Crown Land Management Act 2016 and provisions outlined in this Plan of Management	Assess applications for leases, licenses, permits and other estates in terms of the core objectives for parks, general community use land, sportsgrounds, and natural areas, the public interest, character of the land, short and long term impacts, uses of land, and impacts on use of adjoining land	Reduction in conflict between stakeholders Proposed use serves the public interest Leases, licences and other estates granted according to application and assessment	O
		Grant appropriate leases, licences and other estates only where there is a demonstrated community benefit and /or infrastructure improvement and where there will be no detrimental impact on adjoining natural areas	Community feedback	O
	Ensure that use agreements continue to meet the community needs and Council requirements	Monitor terms and conditions of leases , licences and permits on a regular basis	Compliance of lessees, licensees and hirers with terms and conditions	O
Easement	Minimise the impact of easements on the functions of the Park	Design with consideration of existing easements to minimise their impact on park functions	Access to easements retained for respective operators or the public	O

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*Action Plans - Leases, Licences, Permits and Other Estates (Continued)*

Management Issues	Objectives / targets	Actions	Performance measure	Priority
Contribution to the local economy and park funding	Recognise the financial, community and natural infrastructure benefit that Meadowbank Park contributes to the local economy and wellbeing through activation	Explore opportunities to activate Meadowbank Park by considering commercial facilities provided in the public interest, such as a café, staffed / unstaffed kiosk, mobile food services and outdoor seating in association with sport and recreational facilities	Concept developed for community feedback	H
		Explore opportunities to activate Meadowbank Park with other user groups, such as group fitness, personal trainers, instruction , coaching, dog walkers, recreation equipment hire, etc.	Concept developed for community feedback	O

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## APPENDIX B: CITY OF RYDE POLICIES

Relevant City of Ryde policies as at November 2018 include:

- Access and Equity Policy
- Aged Services- Access Equity Policy 17 Aug 2011
- Child Protection Policy 06 Sep 2018
- Children's Activities Policy 08 Aug 2011
- City of Ryde- Plaque Standard Guidelines- November 2011 Guideline 02 Mar 2018
- Code of Conduct Policy- May 2017
- Community Buildings Licensing Policy
- Community Gardens Policy 10 Dec 2010
- Community Hall Policy 06 Oct 2016
- Companion Animal Management Plan Policy 16 Aug 2013
- Contaminated Land Policy 09 Aug 2011
- CSI001 Information Policy 30 Sep 2015
- CSI006 IT Asset- Use and Disposal Policy 29 Sep 2015
- Customer Feedback Policy 10 Jul 2012
- Enforcement of Parking Policy 26 Nov 2014
- Engagement Policy
- Engagement Framework
- Equal Employment Opportunity Policy 05 Jul 2018
- Facility Opening and Plaque Policy 02 Mar 2018
- FINAL SLA Policy 08 Jul 2013
- Footpath Activity Controls Policy 09 Aug 2011
- Gifts and Benefits Policy- September 2013 Policy 03 Oct 2013
- Keying System Policy 09 Aug 2011
- Memorial Plaques and Donation of Park Furniture and Trees Policy 20 Jan 2011
- No Smoking Policy
- Offensive Noise Management Policy 20 Aug 2011
- Outdoor Dining Policy 20 Aug 2011
- Pesticide Plan Policy 12 Aug 2011
- Pesticide Use Notification Plan
- Public Art- Developers Guide Guideline 18 Jan 2012
- Public Art- Implementation Guide Guideline 24 Jan 2012
- Public Art- Organisational Policy 23 Nov 2011
- Publications and Advertising Policy and Procedures Policy 08 Aug 2011
- Sponsorship Policy 04 Sep 2012
- Statement of Business Ethics Policy 16 Aug 2018
- Surveillance Policy 05 Jul 2018
- Work Health and Safety Policy 15 Dec 2017



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**APPENDIX C: SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS**

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**APPENDIX D: CROWN LAND WITHOUT AN EARLIER ACT**

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## APPENDIX E: MEADOWBANK PARK LAND INFORMATION

Meadowbank Park Land Index.

Reserve Name	Suburb	Area-sqm	LG Category	Natural Area Sub Category	Applicable PoM	Land ID	Address	Section	Lot	GP	Title Reference	Title Reference	Owner	Classification	Green Land	Green Land Reserve No.	Green Land Purpose	Zoning	Leases	Relevant Act			
MEADOWSBANK PARK	Meadowbank		Park Development Reserve (Local Government Act 1993)	Natural Wetland Reserve (Planning)	Meadowbank Park (Local Government Act 1993)	4000	WILLIAMSBURG ROAD	1	10	0000	000	00	City of Ryde	Community	No			EP100-000 Public		LG			
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Dear Mr Dedes,

**RE: Meadowbank Park Masterplan  
(Submission from Northern Sydney Local Health District)**

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the Meadowbank Masterplan. We commend the City of Ryde Council on the upgrade of this recreation space to better meet the needs of the growing community and provide more opportunities to lead physically active lifestyles.

Northern Sydney Local Health District (NSLHD) Health Promotion is committed to ensuring that the built environment has a net-positive impact on the health and well-being of individuals and the wider community.

We commend the proposed features in the master plan, in particular:

- Improved walking and cycling pathways and pedestrian bridges to improve connectivity.
- Supporting unstructured recreational activities by providing a new regional playground, upgrading neighbourhood parks, off-leash dog park and provision of fitness equipment along walking paths.
- Relocation of netball courts to a purpose-built facility in consultation with the netball community.
- Increased shading for spectators and tree canopies for walking paths, seating and activity nodes.
- Provision of bicycle parking at the playgrounds, activity nodes and amenities buildings.
- The inclusion of drinking fountains at the key areas to encourage water consumption.
- Installing lighting which has minimal light pollution for surrounding residents and allow extended use of the park into the evening for both structured and unstructured activity.
- Multi-programmable open grass fields and a synthetic turf field with additional lighting.
- Net gain of four playing fields to enable more structured sports to take place.

This master plan therefore contributes to healthy place-making, which includes: getting people active, connecting and strengthening communities and providing healthy food options, as identified in the Healthy Urban Development Checklist<sup>1</sup>. This is also consistent with the Council's Community Strategic Plan<sup>2</sup> to 'create active places and spaces in town and neighbourhood centres and well-connected open spaces that encourage active lifestyles and social interaction' and the North District Plan<sup>3</sup> which aims to 'increase use of public resources such as open space and community facilities'.

To support the council's aspirations, we have made some additional recommendations.

**Getting People Active - Active Transport**

There have been concerns expressed by nearby residents and park users on the impact of increased traffic to the area (Social pinpoint feedback). Therefore, adopting strategies which support walking, cycling and public transport could help address traffic and parking issues, which would be in line with council's Integrated transport and Bicycle plans.<sup>4,5</sup> The additional pedestrian bridges in the masterplan

<sup>1</sup> NSW Health (2009) Healthy Urban Development Checklist - A guide for health services when commenting on development policies, plans and proposals (Available at: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/urbanhealth/Publications/healthy-urban-dev-check.pdf>)

<sup>2</sup> City of Ryde Council (2016) Community Strategic Plan 2016-2028 Page 17 Available at: <https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Council/Plans-and-Publications/Ryde-2028-Community-Strategic-Plan>

<sup>3</sup> Greater Sydney Commission (2019) North District Plan <https://www.greater-sydney.com/north-district-plan>

<sup>4</sup> City of Ryde Council (2016) Integrated Transport Strategy 2016-31. Page 25-35 <https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Council/Plans-and-Publications/City-of-Ryde-Integrated-Transport-Strategy>

<sup>5</sup> City of Ryde Council (2014) Bicycle Strategy and Master plan Page 27,28 Available at <https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Council/Plans-and-Publications/Ryde-Bicycle-Strategy-and-Masterplan>



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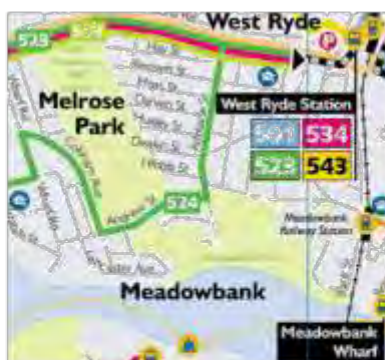
will help improve connectivity to the park and enable users to walk to the park via multiple entrances during peak times.

**Recommendations:**

1. Install sufficient way-finding signage and maps to guide pedestrians and cyclists to the park entrances via trail paths particularly from Andrew St, Crowley Crescent, Constitution Road, Ross Smith Ave and Meadow Crescent.
2. Consider appropriate traffic calming features e.g. traffic islands, pedestrian crossings at these entrances to enable walkers and cyclists to cross and minimise vehicle and pedestrian conflict.
3. Install clear signage for sports fields' car parks to direct drivers which could help minimise congestion in surrounding roads.
4. Ensure adequate lighting at key pedestrian entry points for evening structure sport users.
5. Ensure that vegetation around shared paths will not have lifting root systems or are non-deciduous to minimise trips and falls risks.

Public transport needs are likely to increase for the area with future development of the Meadowbank Education Precinct and Melrose Park. As seen in Figure 1, there are currently no bus routes passing Meadowbank Park and onward to Meadowbank stations.

Figure 1. Bus Route 524  
(Source: Transport NSW)



Bus route 524 is the closest bus stop but only operates on an hourly basis during weekdays. The National Liveability Indicators<sup>6</sup> recommends that public transport stops near destinations should provide a minimum of two services per hour. Revising nearby public transport routes could increase patronage of the park and bus service to meet future demands.

**Recommendation:**

6. Engage with Transport for NSW to review bus routes (524) to optimise services to the area and bus patronage. Review bus patronage data from Transport NSW available from <https://anytrip.com.au>

As identified in the Council's Bike Plan<sup>5</sup>, this Masterplan includes the regional route RR10 Parramatta River Cycleway (Figure 2) which is used by both cyclists who commute at higher speeds and recreational walkers.

Figure 2 Regional Route 10  
(Source: City of Ryde Bike Plan<sup>5</sup>)



<sup>6</sup> Giles-Corti B (2016). The Australian National Liveability Study final report: Development of policy relevant liveability indicators relating to health and wellbeing and recommendations for their dissemination. University of Melbourne <https://preventioncentre.org.au/our-work/research-projects/creating-liveable-and-healthy-communities/>

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In instances of high traffic volumes, segregation or separation of different user groups is proposed as the most effective way to increase their capacity to use the shared path<sup>7</sup>. Therefore, the shared pedestrian and cycle path along RR10 Meadowbank Park should be sufficiently wide and separated if possible to minimise cyclist and pedestrian conflict.

### Recommendations:

7. Along the regional routes RR10, upgrade to a separated pedestrian and two-way cycle path if possible.
8. Incorporate way-finding signage (including maps, distance/time/steepness) to the surrounding bike network, public transport hubs and the future education precinct.

### Strengthening Community - Recreation and Play

The master plan has provided facilities to support a range of users from all age groups. This will help activate the spaces and support incidental neighbourhood interaction which can help to reduce social isolation, improve mental wellbeing and create a sense of community<sup>2</sup>.

Best practice guidelines and evidence base should be considered in the detailed design and selection of equipment. With the recently released 'Everybody can play' guidelines<sup>8</sup>, there is opportunity to make playgrounds more inclusive and meet the needs of a range of users, including people with a disability.

Recent research by the National Ageing Research Institute (NARI)<sup>9</sup> recommended the inclusion of outdoor exercise equipment specifically designed for older people to improve strength, balance, joint movements, mobility and function. Therefore, to support active ageing, Council should consider outdoor gym equipment which are age-friendly, well shaded and provide clear visual user instructions to encourage safe and effective use.

### Recommendations:

9. Include outdoor fitness equipment which also caters to users such as seniors. Provide adequate signage and instructions, shading and protection from the sun and heat.
10. Provide play equipment which can suite a range of abilities.
11. Provide seating and furniture which are inclusive for the needs of a diverse range of users e.g. seating with arm rests, picnic tables with cantilevered ends to allow wheelchair access.
12. Ensure there are toilets and change facilities for people with disabilities and parents with children.

Through this master plan, there could be opportunities to co-locate a community youth hub or multipurpose facility near the newly opened Youth Skate Park. Consistent with the Council's Community Hub model<sup>10</sup>, this could provide integrated services for youth such as youth outreach services, arts or an activity space.

Similar examples include Gosnell Skate Park<sup>11</sup> and Cobar Skate Park<sup>12</sup> which have been recognised by the Heart Foundation as exemplars good place-making designs. These case studies also found that engaging with local youth and local youth services in the design fostered a sense of ownership and pride to the minimise antisocial behaviours and vandalism.

### Recommendations:

13. Consider altering the amenity building near the skate park into a community hub or centre.
14. If space allows, consider provision of area suitable for arts such as performance areas.
15. Ensure paths around the park are suitably wide for prams and wheelchairs.

<sup>7</sup> Transport for NSW (2015) Shared paths Discussion of research findings and key safety issues <https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/downloads/shared-paths.pdf>

<sup>8</sup> Planning NSW (2018) Everybody Can Play Guidelines Available from: <https://www.planning.nsw.gov.au/Policy-and-Legislation/Open-space-and-parklands/Everyone-Can-Play-in-NSW/>

<sup>9</sup> Levinger, P, et al (2018) Outdoor physical activity for older people—the senior exercise park: Current research, challenges and future directions. *Health Promot J Austral*. 2018; 29: 353–359. <https://doi.org/10.1002/hlpa.80>

<sup>10</sup> City of Ryde (2019) Process Review: Community Hubs Model <https://www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/Community/Community-Hubs/Community-Hubs-Model>

<sup>11</sup> The Shack [http://www.theshack.net.au/Youth\\_spaces/Youth\\_Centres/The\\_Shack](http://www.theshack.net.au/Youth_spaces/Youth_Centres/The_Shack)

<sup>12</sup> Heart Foundation (2014) Healthy Active by Design Case Studies: Cobar Skate Park <http://healthyactivebydesign.com.au/case-studies/cobar>

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**Community Health and Safety**

In addition to legislative compliance, smoke free and alcohol free public spaces contribute to community safety and wellbeing. A well-planned public environment can reinforce positive social behaviour and discourage antisocial behaviour and crime.<sup>2</sup>

**Recommendations:**

16. Follow Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)<sup>13</sup> guidelines by ensuring adequate lighting, eliminating dark and secluded sections and planting either low-lying shrubs or high canopy trees that maintain sight-lines and maximise passive surveillance.
17. Ensure that there are measures such as signage to minimise noise and reinforcement of policies which ensures amenity for surrounding residents.
18. Ensure adequate lighting along shared paths to cater for evening users.
19. Enforce Smoke-Free Policy under the Local Government Act 1993.
20. Enforced Alcohol Free Zones as appropriate.

**Providing Healthy Food Options**

The built environment can influence healthy food and drink choices, purchasing and consumption behaviours<sup>2</sup>. Community gardens also positively contribute to other aspects of health, through planned and incidental interaction.

**Recommendations:**

21. Ensure water drinking fountains are at suitable heights for adults and children, located at activity nodes.
22. Consider incorporating edible gardens as a part of the vegetation plan to encourage healthy eating in the recreation areas.
23. Provide space which could allow for a future community garden for the local community, potentially co-located with a community hub near the skate park.
24. Vendors operating in council facilities should promote healthy eating through council's procurement and marketing processes using best practice guidelines<sup>14</sup>.
25. Allow for space and facilities for community events such as growers' markets.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide comment on the Meadowbank Park Master Plan. Should you have any queries about this submission please contact me at Ryde Hornsby Health Promotion Unit on 8877 5148 or email [queenystafford@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:queenystafford@health.nsw.gov.au). We look forward to continuing our work with City of Ryde Council to support projects that benefit the health, wellbeing and safety of the community.

Yours sincerely,



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<sup>13</sup> NSW Police (2001) Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Available from:  
[https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0005/9390/dsupg04de\\_s79c.pdf](https://www.police.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/9390/dsupg04de_s79c.pdf)

<sup>14</sup> Department of Health and Human Services (2018) The Healthy choices: policy guidelines for sport and recreation centres  
<https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/api/downloadmedia/5787ef238993-66c6-414f-8942-adf75729f734%7D>

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16<sup>th</sup> April, 2019

RE: Meadowbank Park Masterplan

On behalf of Eastwood Ryde Netball Association, I would like to put in a letter of support for the Meadowbank Park Masterplan.

As Netball will be leaving Meadowbank Park Area in 2021-2022 the Executive of ERNA believe that the Masterplan will cover all areas of Sports which will allow for growth in The City of Ryde.

The Masterplan is very well thought out utilising the space that is available. The updating of the Facility's in the park is way overdue and supported in this Masterplan.

The extra parking in the Adelaide St entrance is a great idea allowing for the spread of parking area's which will be easier with the Netball relocation.

If it is possible to keep a couple of Netball / Basketball courts at the park would be great as I think most kids in Ryde learn how to ride their bikes at Meadowbank Park on this surface.

Once again well done to everyone involved and I look forward to seeing the transformation of one of the largest sporting parks in the Ryde Council.

Regards

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Dear Meredith,

**Re: Meadowbank Park Draft Masterplan**

Football NSW is the state governing body of football (soccer) in New South Wales. A member-based organisation we currently have 31 associations throughout the state – 17 of which are in metropolitan Sydney and 14 which are in regional NSW. Recent Federal Government research, 'AusPlay' has put football as the largest team participation sport with some 1.3 million players nationally and over 600,000 players in NSW.

Football is a sport for all ages, with 19% of children aged 0-14 in NSW playing football, a greater number than the other winter outdoor sports combined, e.g. AFL, Rugby League, Rugby union and Hockey. Almost one-quarter of players in NSW are female (AusPlay, 2018).

Ryde is a large football region in terms of participants in NSW, it therefore brings enormous benefits to the community. In fact, our recent analysis shows that the economic contribution of football is valued at over \$8.6 million in the state electorate of Ryde. Our full report on the Community Impact of Football in NSW can be found [here](#).

As stated above, the number of Australians playing our game is soaring, making it the most popular team sport among children and adults in the country.

Gladesville Hornsby Football Association (GHFA) and North West Sydney Women's Football Association (NWSWFA) are 2 of our 31 local football associations across the state and are responsible for governance, competition management and the development of grassroots football in the Gladesville Hornsby region. GHFA and NWSWFA has over 15,000 registered participants (2018). Team registrations for GHFA in 2019 have grown again by 6%.

Football is active in every corner of NSW, football transcends race, religion, and gender to create community connections. Football plays an unrivalled role in bringing together the different cultures in Australia. Most pleasingly, the growth of female football in recent years across the state has been remarkable, since 2015 women's participation in football has grown by 21%. Today we see female footballers make up almost a quarter of all participants across the state.

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Research evaluating the first year of the NSW Government's Active Kids program showed that almost 167,000 children redeemed the \$100 registration voucher for football- almost three times the next ranked sport. On a participation basis we are growing at more than 5% per annum strengthening our position as the number one participation sport in the state and country, and the sport of choice for many families.

To address the future of the game Football NSW, Northern NSW and Capital Football have undertaken a comprehensive NSW/ACT facilities audit to determine the current state of play, develop a plan and provide decision-makers with a clear picture of where there is the greatest need.

A key finding of the 10-month audit was that, based on current participation and annual growth rates, by 2030 Football in NSW will be 700 pitches short and will need to work with Councils and Governments to find additional fields of play for an additional 120,000 participants.

The findings demonstrated that 45% of all pitches had no irrigation and/or drainage, resulting in pitches becoming unplayable. Loss of training nights and match days in some areas is as much as 25% resulting in a less enjoyable football experience and uneven competitions when many matches are cancelled.

The audit results for the City of Ryde highlighted the following:

- 48% of playing fields have no lighting
- 47% of playing fields do not have irrigation and drainage
- 48% of playing fields are below playing standard
- Only 19% of amenities are female friendly

A high level snapshot of the state-wide facilities audit can be seen [here](#).

The Audit revealed the challenges that Footballs growth is putting on our facilities. Pitches across NSW have an average of 155 players per pitch - in some pockets of Sydney this level is as high as 280 players per pitch. Built up areas are facing the highest stress on pitches. In the GHFA/NWSWFA footprint, the player to pitch ratio is 1:166, which is above the state average and one of the highest players to pitch ratios in NSW.

The population of NSW is expected to increase to an estimated 9.9 million in the next 20 years with the population Ryde expected to increase by 58%, which equates to over 62,000 residents. This projected population increase once again highlights the need to increase the capacity of sporting fields across the City of Ryde.

Football NSW fully supports City of Ryde's Meadowbank Park Draft Masterplan. Meadowbank Park particularly those aspects relating to football which will see:

- An increase numbers of fields from 8 to 11
- An increase of mini fields from 2 to 5
- The conversion of LH Waud to synthetic (1 senior and 2 mini fields)
- The lighting of all sporting fields
- Two new amenity buildings

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Meadowbank Park is seen as a major hub by the GHFA/NWSWFA. On weekends the football fields are used by all age groups from Mini-Roos (5-year old's) to seniors (35+) by both males on Saturday's and females on Sundays. The venue hosts grand finals for both GHFA and NWSWFA competitions.

The recent lighting and field improvements on several football fields has been advantageous to the local football community already by providing a safer environment for training and competition. This masterplan will certainly bring to life every aspect of this regional sport facility.

Football NSW fully supports the draft masterplan for Meadowbank Park with the addition of football fields, lighting, amenity buildings and the introduction of synthetic fields. This masterplan will play a large part in reducing the strain across the Ryde LGA and provide quality facilities for local community in the future. We urge City of Ryde to continue increasing the capacity of all sporting fields across the LGA as the population steadily grows over the next 20 years.

Congratulations to the City of Ryde for developing the draft masterplan for Meadowbank Park and we look forward to the redevelopment of the park soon.

For any further questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact me via email on [danielr@footballfacilities.com.au](mailto:danielr@footballfacilities.com.au) or Phone: 8814 4451.

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**Re: Meadowbank Park Masterplan**

Gladesville Hornsby Football Association is responsible for the management of Football (soccer) competitions in the North West area of Sydney and has 12 clubs located in the City of Ryde area with a total of 5,079 registered players in 428 teams in 2019. This represents a growth of 3% compared to 2018 and we expect more players to register before the cut-off at the end of June.

We run competitions for all ages from U6s to Over 45s and have introduced initiatives such as Walking Football and Masters Football to provide playing opportunities for people over 50 years of age. Our competitions are open to male and female players, and whilst North West Women's Football Association runs a female only competitions, the two organisations are in the final stages of merging for 2020.

In conjunction with our parent body Football NSW, we completed an audit of facilities in 2018. Amongst other findings it revealed that on average, pitches in the GHFA area have 166 players per pitch which is in excess of the state average of 155 players per pitch.

This shortfall is also demonstrated at club level, with a number of Ryde clubs not being able to accommodate all of their teams for training and weekend home matches on their allocated fields, which forces them to play home matches outside the City of Ryde area.

GHFA appreciates the recent support of the City of Ryde in providing the synthetic fields at Christie Park and ELS Hall Park. These fields have enabled many matches to be shifted away from grass fields and has assisted in addressing the shortfall in fields – for example in 2018, a total of 127 local club matches were played at Christie Park, where previously only finals were played when there were grass fields there.

The synthetic fields have also enabled us to cater for an ever-increasing demand for mid-week summer competitions, and in its first year we had 70 teams and 341 players at the Christie Park competition.

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It is obvious the potential population growth in the City of Ryde area with the high-rise residential developments occurring in the vicinity of Meadowbank Park. This will only add to the pressure on the number of sports fields required in the area in the future.

Therefore, GHFA fully supports the Meadowbank Park Masterplan. In particular, we welcome the increase in the number of playing fields, the proposal for a synthetic field, new lighting and the new amenities buildings. The current amenities are aged and can no longer cater for the demands of clubs that use Meadowbank, especially female teams. Improved lighting on all fields will enable the rotation of training and limit traffic on any one field.

We appreciate the ongoing support provided by the City of Ryde for our playing community through recent field and lighting upgrades at a number of venues and look forward to the implementation of the draft masterplan for Meadowbank Park.

Kind regards



**Mark Lockie**  
**General Manager**

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NWSWF Association  
PO BOX 422  
Cherrybrook NSW 2126  
28<sup>TH</sup> May 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

North West Sydney Women's Football Association would like to lend their support to the Masterplan for Meadowbank Park.

We have 3,000 players and our clubs are really struggling for training and game space. Installation of lighting will go a long way to helping with training requirements.

In addition, our ladies/girls often require night make up games. Presently, the venues we have for night games are coping with the overflow of club training. To that end having another space that could be used for night games would be greatly appreciated by all. In addition, the introduction of a new synthetic field, with 2 mini fields would allow us play important games so we don't fall behind when faced with inclement weather.

Meadowbank Park is used by our association every season and we consider it to be one of our major sporting facilities. Any upgrades will enable us to meet the future needs of our sport and provide a fantastic venue for our girls and ladies teams.

I can see Meadowbank Park being a real showcase venue, especially with the World Cup just around the corner and our Matildas doing so well. Plus, our bid to host the 2023 World Cup, female football will be in the spotlight and what better place to promote our sport than having more of our players on Meadowbank Park.

Our sport is growing year on year and council will be unable to meet our requirements if we don't look at enabling more parks in general, especially parks with lighting. In 2011 we introduced MiniRoos football for girls aged between 6 and 11. We started off with 53 teams, this year we have 103 teams and we are already receiving calls for next season. Having more MiniRoos fields at Meadowbank will really assist with the demand.

Should you require any additional information regarding our player numbers etcetera, please do not hesitate to contact me via email [nswsf@bigpond.com](mailto:nswsf@bigpond.com) or phone 0416 038 080.

Kindest regards,  
*Denise Robinson*  
NWSWF General Manager





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WEST RYDE  
*Rovers*  
Established 1919  
FOOTBALL CLUB



Ms Meredith Gray  
Open Space Planner, Parks.  
City of Ryde Council

15<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

Dear Ms Gray,

I am writing on behalf of West Ryde Rovers Football Club (WRRFC) in support of the Masterplan for Meadowbank Park.

WRRFC is the largest football club in the Ryde area with 83 teams comprising over 1000 registered players in 2019, in both the Gladesville Hornsby Football Association and North West Sydney Women's Football Association. WRRFC currently uses Meadowbank Park as its main training and game facilities, with hundreds of WRRFC players using the grounds on any given training night, and weekends during competition months.

WRRFC supports the Masterplan and wholeheartedly agrees with the proposed increases in field numbers, and the transformation of LH Waud to a synthetic field. The addition of these extra fields will provide the club with significantly improved home grounds for our teams and the introduction of LH Waud as a synthetic pitch will enable play in all weather conditions.

The implementation of proposed enhanced sports field lighting will enable better training on all fields for our members and will hopefully enable extended competition usage of the fields at night, especially matches on LH Waud. Football, in particular female football, is growing at a rapid rate in this area, and the upgrades are needed to address the current shortfall of sports facilities, as well as better meet the future community needs in the coming 10-20 years.

Additionally, it is fair to say that some of the current amenities are dated and run down, not really befitting a club of our size. WRRFC looks forward to the opportunity of providing input into the design and construction of new amenity buildings at Meadowbank, that should see improved canteen facilities, new bathrooms and changerooms, extra storage for equipment and clubroom facilities for our ever-growing club.

Numerous club members have made on-line submissions, and the matter has been discussed at our Committee Meetings, where it has received favorable support.

WRRFC looks forward to the implementation of the Masterplan and continuing the constructive relationship that our club enjoys with Council.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss anything further.

Regards,



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**Northern District Cricket Association Inc.**

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**Meredith Gray**  
Open Space Planner  
PARKS  
RYDE CITY

Meredith,

The Northern District Cricket Association fully supports the final Meadowbank Park and Memorial Park Masterplan.

We are prepared to assist council to secure grant funding from our cricket affiliates to support the delivery of this masterplan.

Regards

Ian Strudwick  
Secretary NDJCA  
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12 July 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

The West Ryde Rovers Cricket Club welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Meadowbank Masterplan. We appreciate Council's extensive efforts to develop a long-term program that will benefit the wider community.

We support the masterplan and hope that Council approves it.

The Master Plan has many wonderful proposals that affect cricket directly. We fully support the plan to increase the number of senior cricket fields from three to five. Grounds in the area are tight already, with teams often having to travel long distances to find an available field. As the population grows, this problem will become even more acute. Five fields can accommodate ten teams, which means upwards of 125 players and accompanying parents. Having a critical mass of people at the ground contributes to the community aspect of club sport and would make canteen options viable. Five fields would also provide the opportunity to run special tournaments where teams play a number of T20 games in a day.

We also believe that lighting on all the fields is a very good move. This would make Friday evening T20 blasts easier to run and would extend training at the start and end of the season. We also applaud planting more trees for shade. Providing cover in the hot summer sun is always a challenge, and while marquees help, trees are superior because of their height and the much more extensive cover they provide. Overall the masterplan provides wonderful support to cricket.

However, there are a few aspects of the plan that we believe could be improved.

First, while increasing the number of nets from three to five is good, we believe this is not sufficient to meet demand. The new nets are beautiful and attract large numbers of cricketers. At peak times through the summer, the nets are at full capacity and there are frequently people queuing up to use them. We propose that an additional set or two of nets also be built. Nets are quite easy to build and provide a wonderful focal point for the cricketing community. Having a few sets in the park would also make it possible to manage child safety more effectively by having members of the public practice in an area away from the children.

We also propose that power be supplied to the nets for a power point and lighting. Lights would extend the time nets could be used in the evening and a power point would allow groups to run

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bowling machines. Council is currently supporting a move to provide power to the existing nets, and we appreciate this very much.

The club would also like to confirm that the new amenities buildings will provide ample storage for many different user groups. While change rooms might benefit other users, cricket would benefit much more significantly from the storage. It would mean we could keep training equipment, including a bowling machine, down at the park. We could also store portable marquees that would supplement the shade that the new trees will provide. After requests for more nets with power, the need for shade is the second most frequent concern that club members pass on. We recognise that building permanent shade structures is very difficult given the needs of different sports at different times of year and we support planting more trees to provide shade. However, with sufficient storage, we would also be able to use marquees to help where the trees don't provide quite enough cover (for example, for scorers).

In short, the West Ryde Rovers Cricket club supports Council's master plan for Meadowbank Park and urges Council to endorse it. We suggest that the number of nets be increased, ideally across multiple locations, and that the nets have lighting and power. We also believe that ample storage space in the new amenities buildings would have many benefits not just to cricket but to many user groups.

Overall, the masterplan provides wonderful facilities to support cricket over the coming years, and the plan as a whole balances the needs of different sports well and provides a beautiful park that will benefit the wider community for years. We very much appreciate Ryde Council's efforts.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss these issues further.

Best regards,

Philip G Mundy  
Secretary | West Ryde Rovers Cricket Club

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Date: 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019

City of Ryde Council  
Meredith Gray  
Open Space Planner  
Parks

Dear Meredith,

With the recent changes made to the master plan for the Meadowbank Park & Memorial Park I believe this is a positive change for the community.

For Oztac, we have grown in size over each year consistently & regularly require additional fields for us. With the 3 additional fields & the synthetic field being introduced; this is the right move in my opinion for all sports in the area. For example, last year between September to December we had 110 teams across two nights. This year we are already at 130 & still expect more to come. Without the fields, the community would not be to thrive on the increase in residents with the new apartment blocks which would then turn to more demand for sporting activities.

Thank you,  
Fedel Kassem  
Sydney Oztac Development Officer



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## North West Sydney Hockey Association

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President: Brian Doughty  
Vice President: Evan Watson  
Liam Dixon  
Secretary: Lynne Russo  
Treasurer: Carolyn Parry

17th May 2019

TO: RYDE COUNCIL

RE: MASTER PLAN MEADOWBANK PARK

### HISTORY OF HOCKEY FIELDS:

Women's hockey has been played at Meadowbank Park since 1964.

*(See Parks and Lighting Committee minutes of 12th May 1964)*

The fields were originally a garbage tip and were converted to playing fields around 1961. Life members of Ryde Eastwood Womens Hockey Association - particularly Bessie Dixon - were instrumental in initiating construction of the fields and in fact were often seen picking up stones and rocks to ensure a good surface for the fields. The netball courts and hockey fields were set aside at that time for women's sport only.

*(See Parks & Lighting Committee Minutes of July 1969. ....A deputation requested that in the interest of women's hockey and basketball that Council seriously consider allocating the western section of Meadowbank Park for this purpose so that area is set aside for women's organisations and the remainder of the area is used ..... RECOMMENDATION: That Council approve in principle the part of Meadowbank Park west of Adelaide Street be set aside for development of women's sport during the winter season.)*

The amenities block was constructed around 1970 using a grant from the NSW State Government, Council money and a substantial amount of money from Ryde Eastwood Womens Hockey Association and was updated in 2009. All our memorabilia such as shields, old hockey sticks and photos are stored in the meeting room. Should the amenities block be removed we would have no venue for meetings, development of volunteers, storage of our precious memories and equipment.

### TORY WICKS:

After her death in 1977 the fields were named in honour of Tory Wicks. The naming of the Tory Wicks Memorial Playing Field commemorates international hockey player Tory Wicks and is a tribute to her tenacity of purpose and ideals. Tory Wicks' family was local to Ryde with her Grandfather being a previous Mayor of Ryde.

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Pretoria 'Tory' Wicks had an impressive career playing hockey in the 1920s and 30s including captaining the first Australian team to tour overseas in 1930. She went on to serve in senior positions for state, national, and international hockey associations.

Selected for the New South Wales team in 1923, Wicks was chosen for the Australia women's hockey team two years later. She remained a member of both teams almost continuously until 1935. When an English touring team visited in 1927, she was Australian vice-captain. In 1930 Wicks led the Australian team as captain on its first international tour, to South Africa, Britain and Europe. A physically fit and reliable player, she used her keen sense of anticipation to direct the team from her position at full-back. Although the primary purpose of the tour was to absorb 'technique and tactics' rather than to win, Australia recorded its first international victory against Ireland.

In 1935 Wicks captained Australia against New Zealand before retiring from international hockey. She earned the All Australia badge in hockey umpiring in 1936, setting and maintaining high standards. She was involved with coaching for over 45 years and regularly travelled to country centres to coach players and umpires.

Wicks held senior administrative positions within the Sydney, New South Wales and Australian Women's Hockey Associations. In 1947, Wicks was the team manager for the New South Wales Women's Hockey Association (NSWWHA) and was honorary secretary of the AWH from 1945 to 1954.

In 1953 and 1956 she was elected honorary secretary of the International Federation of Women's Hockey Associations (IFWHA) and was made vice-president of IFWHA in 1955. Her contacts proved invaluable. She successfully lobbied to hold the triennial international tournament in Sydney in May 1956. For three years she worked tirelessly, often until 2am, to coordinate the tour, turning her family home at Bondi into the hub of hockey administration. In an era of strictly amateur sport, she raised the £30,000 necessary to host nine international teams for a fortnight's matches followed by a three-month goodwill tour of country centres and cities across Australia.

Wicks was a life-member of both the NSWWHA and the AWH. She never retired from promoting the game she loved. Wicks was a foundation member and delegate to the NSW Women's Amateur Sport Council. The naming of the Tory Wicks Memorial Playing Field at Ryde was a tribute to her tenacity of purpose and ideals. In 1977 Wicks was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for her services to hockey.

(For further information on Tory Wicks, please refer to a letter from Ryde Eastwood Womens Hockey Association contained in Community Services Committee's Agenda No. 9/77.)

### **PRESENT DAY:**

During the heyday of grass hockey, the fields at Meadowbank were full all day Saturday with junior girls' hockey being played in the mornings and opens teams playing both at Meadowbank and Gladesville Hospital in the afternoons.

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Unfortunately a decline in the popularity of grass hockey has seen the number of women and girls playing in the local grass competition become less over the years. We believe the Meadowbank competition to be one of only 2 grass competitions in the Sydney metropolitan area.

Ryde Eastwood Women's Hockey Association has been amalgamated into a larger hockey Association known as North West Sydney Hockey Association which has a membership in excess of 2,000 people - men, women, boys and girls.

NWSHA has a keen interest in the women's competition at Meadowbank and would very much like to see it develop and grow.

**FUTURE PLANS:**

A logical step in making women's hockey popular in Ryde would be to install artificial surface fields at Meadowbank. Such fields are all weather and we can visualise them being used regularly (night and day) by the various Hockey Clubs and Associations in Sydney and local hockey playing schools. Other games such as Baseball, Soccer, Rugby, Flag Football, Lacrosse, Ultimate Frisbee, Badminton, Futsal, Lawn Bowling and Pickleball can be played on the same artificial surface mandated by hockey.

Another benefit to the development of hockey would be holding a full State Hockey Championship. Three turf fields are necessary to run the competition for any age group from U13 male and female through to Masters.

Elite players in the 18-35 age range will not play grass hockey as it does not further their skills and career because all high grade matches are now played on artificial surface grounds. Even older players 35+ who play Masters' hockey play all their matches on turf pitches and find grass fields quite difficult to play on especially in wet weather.

**RYDE DEMOGRAPHICS:**

According to the 2016 Census, there were approx 40,000 women in the age range 15-39 living in the City of Ryde. More housing developments are happening in the area such as the large development of townhouses, villas and units underway just 10 minutes walk from Meadowbank in Melrose Park. Such a development will surely add to the numbers of women and girls interested in all sports at Meadowbank including hockey.

**ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELDS IN NORTH WEST SYDNEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION:**

North Ryde x 1  
Pennant Hills x 2  
Lidcombe - Sydney Uni x 1

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**FUNDING:**

Although construction costs of turf fields are considerable, we believe the popularity of these fields will more than compensate for the costs. The turf fields listed above are full to capacity and more fields will only add to the popularity of hockey.

We would visualise costs to be covered by:

State Government Grants  
Council  
Association Funds

**CONCLUSION:**

The history of women's hockey at Meadowbank is very important and we have a great connection to the Park of over 55 years. Some of our present older players have been playing hockey there all their lives, since their school days.

In conclusion NWSHA is very supportive of the women's grass hockey competition continuing at Meadowbank Park until such time as artificial surface fields should be constructed.

In the future, if the fields at Meadowbank should temporarily become unavailable, the Association would consider moving our competition to Gannan and McCauley Parks, once that upgrade has been completed, with a view to moving back to Meadowbank as soon as possible.

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18 July 2019

Meredith Gray  
Open Space Planner  
City of Ryde Council

**Stormwater naturalisation at Meadowbank Park**

Dear Meredith

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss the potential naturalisation of stormwater channels in Meadowbank and Memorial Parks.

Sydney Water has undertaken naturalisation projects along the Cooks River and Powells Creek. To date Sydney Water has completed around 1.35km of channel naturalisation, with several new projects currently in planning and design. These projects have been highly successful and have been very well received by stakeholders and the community.

Naturalisation involves replacing concrete stormwater channels with more natural waterways with gently sloped banks stabilised with native plants and stone (if required). Naturalisation can range from simple relining of channel banks with sandstone, through to full removal of both channel bed and banks and even the creation of pools, riffles, riparian zones and offline wetlands.

Naturalisation is not always feasible in highly urbanised areas. Constraints such as flooding, underground services, contaminated land, existing trees and conflicts with other open space uses such as sports fields and parkland can limit the extent and scope of naturalisation.

The benefits of naturalisation are clearly valued by the community and include aesthetic improvements, creation of habitat for wildlife, urban cooling, place making and human health and wellbeing benefits. Because of these and other benefits naturalisation is supported by strategic documents including the draft Greener Places Policy, the Central City District Plan and the Parramatta River Masterplan.

Whilst constraints exist within Meadowbank and Memorial Parks, Sydney Water would highly recommend council investigate naturalisation of the stormwater channels and including this as an action within council's landscape masterplan. Please don't hesitate to contact me for further advice.

Yours sincerely



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Sydney Water

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