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# MEADOWBANK PARK SPORTSFIELD LIGHTING

## Welcome

Welcome to the City of Ryde's Community Information and Feedback Session for the Meadowbank Park Sportsfield Lighting.

At today's event we are displaying information about the proposal for sportsfield lighting to be installed at Meadowbank Park.

Meadowbank Park currently services a number of sporting clubs and recreational activity for the wider community during daylight hours.

The installation of additional sportsfield lights will enable the fields to be used at night.

Representatives from the City of Ryde are here today to talk with you and answer questions you may have about information on display.

There is also an opportunity to fill out a feedback form and leave it with us today.

Thank you for your interest in the project.





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## Background

As part of the City of Ryde's commitment to be a 'City of Wellbeing' as outlined in the 2021 Community Strategic Plan, Council has set a goal that our residents are supported to live healthy and active lifestyles. Installation of additional sportfield lighting at Meadowbank Park will help us to achieve one of these goals by providing night lighting to extend sports field usage for training purposes.

The City of Ryde's population is forecast to grow by 17.84% by 2031, which equates to an additional 20,500 residents. Without additional open space areas and infrastructure being provided, the use of recreation facilities and sporting fields will significantly increase with this growth. This will cause intensive use of our existing outdoor playing fields, often resulting in overuse adversely impacting on the usability of these facilities.

The demand for sporting facilities is particularly high for midweek winter season training and is increasing for summer social sports competitions. The City of Ryde's draft Sport and Recreation Strategy has identified the installation of lighting on an additional field at Meadowbank Park as an action to meet this demand and enable fair and equitable access to its sporting fields in the evening.



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## What is proposed?

**About Sportsfield Lighting** - The lighting infrastructure is typically a galvanised steel pole with lamps attached to it directing light onto the sporting field. The lighting must comply with Australian Standards in regards to the spill light (light that falls outside the area to be lit).

**Hours of Operation** - The proposed operation is intended to be Monday - Thursday, 4.00 - 9.30pm in winter (April to August) and 6.00 - 9.00pm in summer (September to March), for training and social sport competition purposes.

The lights can only be turned on by authorised persons and timing switches will be installed which ensure the lights cannot operate past a specified time.



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## How will this affect the area?

**Noise Level Studies** - Council will engage an independent consultant to undertake an Acoustic Report which will identify the expected noise levels and the impact on surrounding residents. However it is anticipated that as the usage for the lights will be for training purposes only during the week (as opposed to competition games) the usage and noise levels will be similar to that of current summer soccer activities.

**Traffic** - Traffic impact on the area will be significantly different to that which is experienced around the park on the weekend when cars park during a match. The majority of the sportsfields use will be for training purposes and users during the week are likely to be players and coaches, with many of the junior participants dropped off and picked up at the start and end of training.



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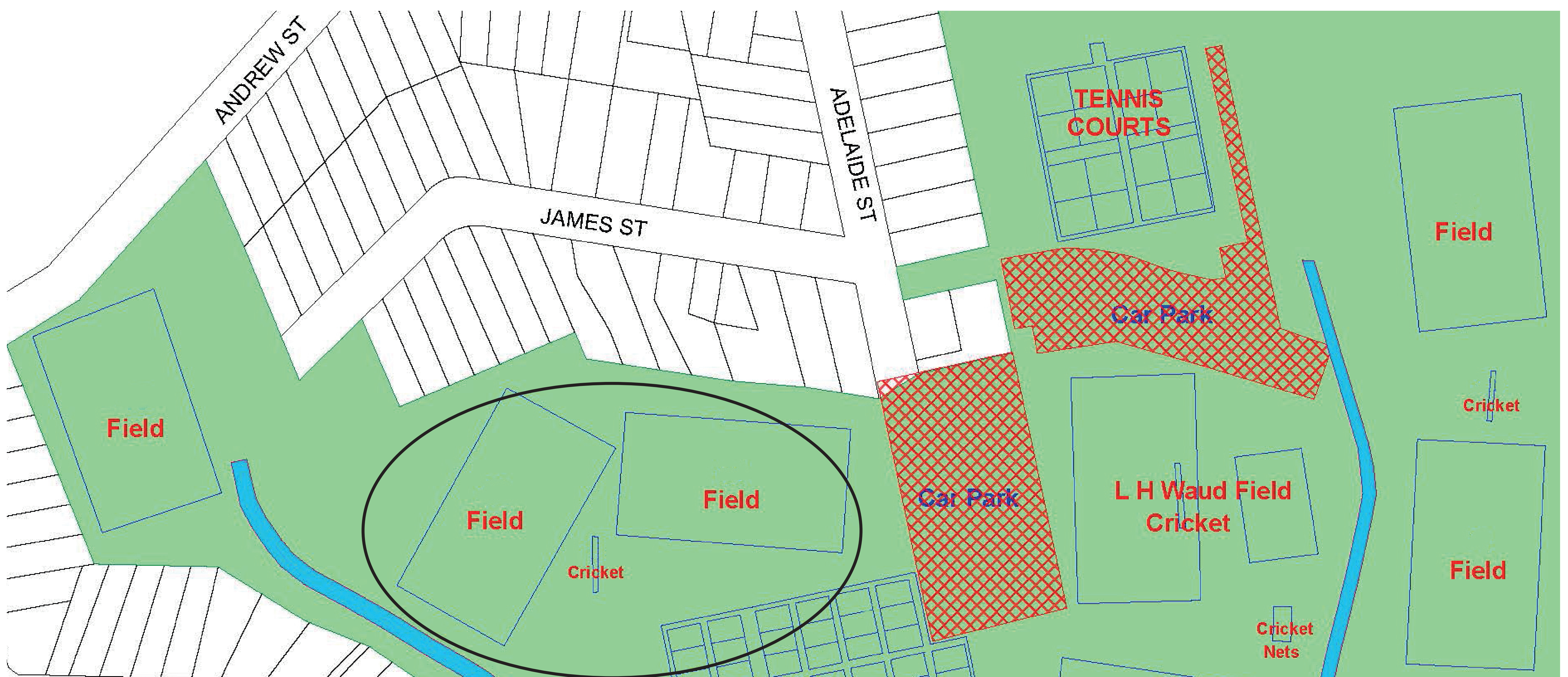
## Next steps

A Development Application (DA) is required to progress this proposal, surrounding residents will be notified of the details and will have an opportunity to make a submission. Council will engage independent consultants to undertake traffic and acoustic studies based on expected usage of the park. A lighting design is also being prepared identifying the light spill area. These reports would be considered as part of the planning assessment process by Council.

Thank you for attending today's information session.

We invite you to look at the information provided here and encourage you to share your thoughts and questions with us.

You can fill out a feedback form today or return it back to us by 2 April 2017.



*Proposed area. Final location subject to consultation and final design.*