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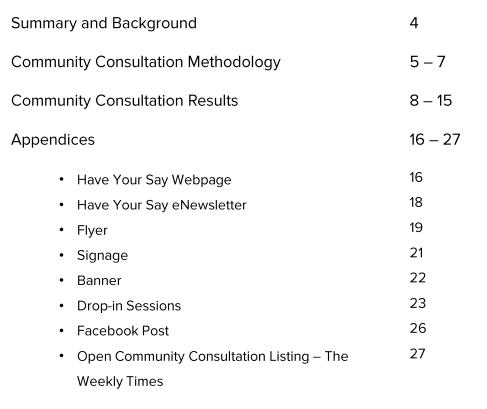


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Summary and Background

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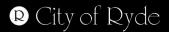
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The feedback received from this consultation will be shared with the NSW Department of Education who are ultimately responsible for development of the site.

The consultation was promoted through the City of Ryde's Have Your Say webspage, flyers to local residents and businesses, signs and a banner near 2 Thistle Street Ryde, drop-in sessions at the site, eNewsletter to interested stakeholders, post on social media, and listings in the local newspaper.

In total 488 comments were received from the community with 474 from the online survey and 8 email submissions. There were 25 attendees at the drop-in sessions, with 13 providing comments.

Survey respondents identified multipurpose courts, an amenities building and a children's playground as the most important potential features on the new park, while drop-in session dotmocracy participants focused on a refurbished school halls and multipurpose courts. Other top features and considerations noted by respondents included pickleball courts, the need and community benefits of parks, a dog off-leash area, parking considerations, basketball courts, retaining or use of a community hall, provision of shaded/sheltered spaces, and the inclusion of trees, greenery and gardens.



Community Consultation Methodology

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Date	ΤοοΙ	Stakeholders	Overview	Engagement
Mon 5 Feb 2024 – Sun 18 Feb 2024	Have your Say Webpage	Website users	A consultation webpage with background information, frequently asked questions and online survey.	2,555 page views 272 users engaged
Mon 5 Feb 2024 – Sun 18 Feb 2024	Online Survey	Website users	An online survey where stakeholders can provide comments on what they would like to see at the new park. This was accessed through Council's Have Your Say webpage.	474 online survey submissions
Mon 5 Feb 2024 – Sun 18 Feb 2024	Information phone line, email and post	All stakeholders	The City of Ryde main phone line. Email and postal address was open for feedback from the community.	8 email submissions received
Mon 5 Feb 2024	Flyer	Surrounding residents and businesses - 500m radius of Thistle Street Ryde	A double sided A4 flyer was delivered to letterboxes to inform the community of the consultation and feedback opportunities.	4,342 flyers approx.
Tue 6 Feb 2024	Have Your Say eNewsletter	Key stakeholders	eNewsletter emailed to inform the community of the consultation and feedback opportunities.	47 eNewsletters delivered 31 eNewsletters opened

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Date	Tool	Stakeholders	Overview	Engagement
Wed 7 Feb 2024 – Sun 18 Feb 2024	Mesh banner	Passersby on Belmore Street, Ryde	A mesh banner (H 1.6m x W 5m) was installed along the fencing of the City of Ryde Operations Centre to inform the community of the consultation.	1 x mesh banner
Wed 7 Feb 2024 – Sun 18 Feb 2024	A2 Sign	Passersby to Thistle Street and Gale Street, Ryde	A2 corflute signage was placed around the perimeter of the former Meadowbank Public School site at Thistle Street Ryde to inform the community of the consultation and feedback opportunities.	6 x A2 signs
Tue 13 Feb 2024	Drop-in Session 1 at Gale Street, Ryde near the school entrance, from 4pm- 5pm	All interested stakeholders	An opportunity for interested stakeholders to speak with Council staff about the plans for the site and provide their feedback.	9 attendees
Sat 17 Mar 2024	Drop-in Session 2 at Gale Street, Ryde near the school entrance, from 9.30am- 11.30am	All interested stakeholders	An opportunity for interested stakeholders to speak with Council staff about the plans for the site and provide their feedback.	16 attendees



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**Community Consultation Results** 



SURVEY RESPONSES





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Majority of survey respondents were local residents (84%), followed by members of sporting (28%) or community (16%) groups.



From the list provided on the online survey, the top 3 most common important potential features included multipurpose court(s) (56%), amenities building (34%) and a children's playground (33%).

Open comments noted also focused on sport courts, such as shared or dedicated pickleball courts (33%), basketball courts (9%) or multi-use courts (6%). Other suggestions included dog off-leash area (12%), shaded/sheltered spaces (8%), community hall/venue (8%) and trees, greenery and gardens (6%).

The Drop-In Sessions featured a 'dotmocracy' whereby attendees could place stickers on their three top priorities. The refurbished school hall (23% of dots) and the multipurpose court(s) (20% of dots) were the top priorities.



Of the 25% who indicated the refurbished school hall was an important potential feature:

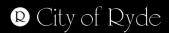
- Walking (76%) followed by car (43%) would be the most common ways to travel to the refurbished school hall.
- 67% were 'very likely' or 'likely' to hire the hall in the future, most frequently for parties and celebrations (73%) or group fitness/dance (57%).
- Improvement for the hall primarily noted indoor sport courts (23%). kitchen facilities (20%) and spaces for community groups/clubs to use (11%).



Of the 33% who indicated the children's playground was an important potential feature:

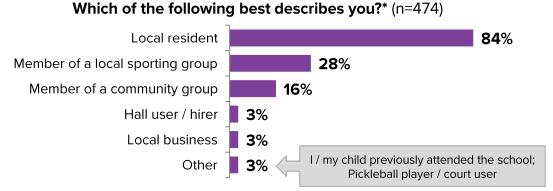
- 84% were 'very likely' or 'likely' to use the new playground.
- 59% 'strongly agreed' or 'agreed' with the potential relocation of Ann Thorn Park playground.
- Playground suggestions primarily noted equipment/areas for different age groups (44%), provision of shade/trees (18%), **examples** of playgrounds (17%), water play (16%) and swings (15%).

Most frequent further comments noted pickleball courts and benefits (21%), the need and community benefits of more parks (11%), need for more parking (9%), and to retain/use of a community hall (9%).

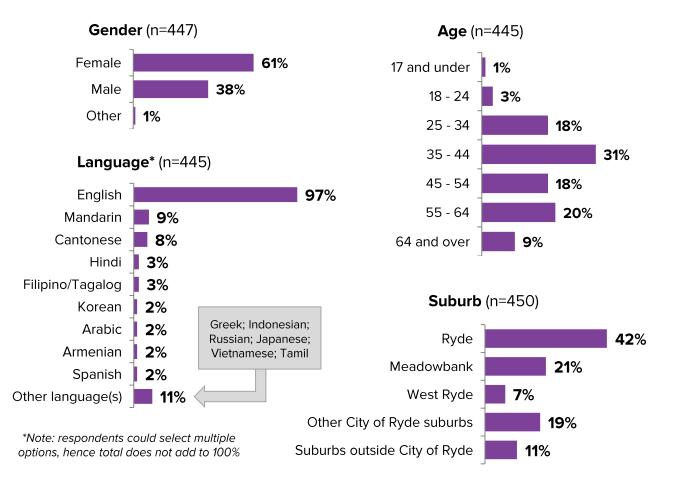


# NEW PARK AT 2 THISTLE STREET RYDE Community Consultation Results

### SURVEY SAMPLE DEMOGRAPHICS



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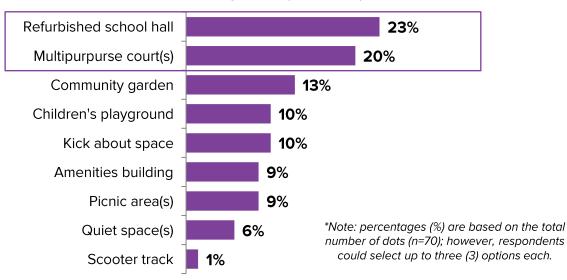




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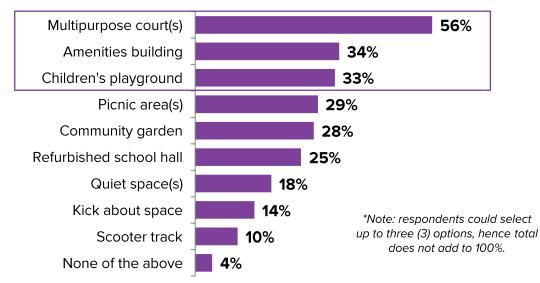
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### Top priorities for the New Park at 2 Thistle Street, Ryde? Please select up to 3.\* (n=70 dots)



### **MOST IMPORTANT POTENTIAL FEATURES**

Which of the following potential features for the New Park at 2 Thistle Street, Ryde are most important to you? Please select up to 3.\* (n=462)





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### **MOST IMPORTANT POTENTIAL FEATURES (continued)**

### Are there any other features that should be included in the New Park at 2 Thistle Street, Ryde? (open-ended)\* (n=332)

Pickleball courts		33%	
Dog off leash space and facilities		12%	
Basketball courts		9%	
Shaded/sheltered areas		8%	
Community hall/hireable venue		8%	
Multi-use courts	6	%	
Trees, greenery and gardens	6	%	
Playground	5%	6	
Parking	5%	6	
Water park/play	5%	6	
Undercover/indoor courts	4%		
BBQ/picnic facilities	4%		
Cafe	4%		
Community garden	4%		
Retain childcare facilities	3%		
Table tennis	3%		
Quiet/resting space	3%		_
Toilets	3%	Rubbish bins	<b>1%</b>
Exercise equipment	2%	Library	<b>1%</b>
Lighting	2%	Netball courts	<b>1%</b>
Kick about space/open/green space	2%	Skate park	<b>1%</b>
Fencing for safety/enclosing	2%	Water feature	<b>1%</b>
All/most features	2%	Dog free area	<b>1%</b>
Swimming pool	2%	Sensory play/garden	<b>1</b> %
Seating	2%	For children/child friendly	<b>1%</b>
Scooter/bike track	2%	Taking too long	1%
Water station	2%	Fencing for noise barrier	1%
Walking/running track/footpaths	2%	Soccer/football field	<b>1%</b>
Tennis courts/wall	2%	Outdoor events/food truck space	1%
Badminton courts	2%	Accessibility/inclusive features	<b>1%</b>

Note: only themes with >1 mentions are charted, and percentages do not total 100% because each respondent can provide multiple themes in their verbatim.

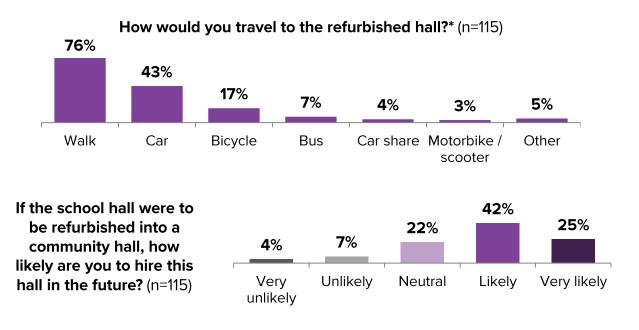


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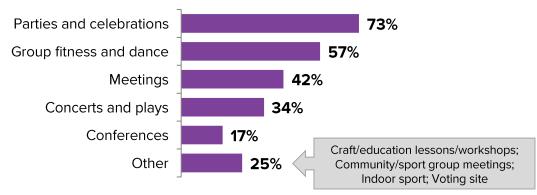
### **REFURBISHED SCHOOL HALL**

Of the 25% of respondents who indicated the **refurbished school hall was an important potential feature** for the New Park at 2 Thistle Street, Ryde:



**Of the 67%** of respondents who indicated they were 'Very likely' or 'Likely' to use the **refurbished school hall**:





\*Note: Respondents could select multiple options, hence total does not add to 100%





### **REFURBISHED SCHOOL HALL (continued)**

Of the 25% of respondents who indicated the **refurbished school hall was an important potential feature** for the New Park at 2 Thistle Street, Ryde:

### Do you have any suggestions for improvements to make the school hall more suitable as a community hall? (open-ended)\* (n=84) Includes survey and drop-in session comments

Kitchen facilities 20% Community groups/clubs/use 11% Toilets 7%
Toilets <b>7%</b>
Parking <b>7%</b>
Audiovisual system <b>7%</b>
Accessible/universal design 6%
Retain/upgrade hall/amenities <b>6%</b>
For parties/functions <b>6%</b>
Outside covered area <b>5%</b>
Multi-use/size rooms/spaces <b>4%</b>
Playground close by <b>4%</b>
Airconditioning/fans <b>4%</b>
Windows/curtains/skylights <b>4%</b>
Green initiatives (solar, green roof) <b>4%</b>
Tables/chairs <b>4%</b>
Updated/modern/open design <b>4%</b>
Stage <b>2%</b>
No improvements needed/use as it is <b>2%</b>
Council run events/activities <b>2%</b>
Community events/markets <b>2%</b>
Retain school canteen/other school buildings <b>2%</b>
Dance studio with mirrors <b>2%</b>

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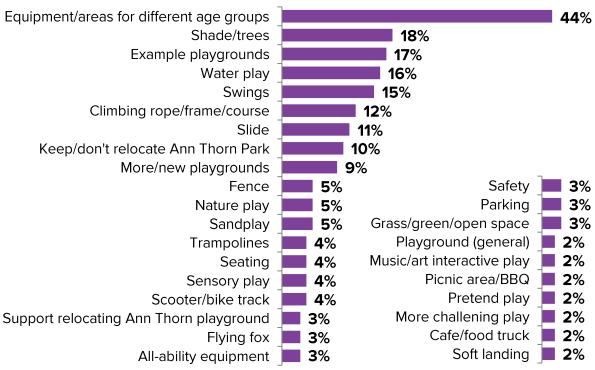


### **CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND**

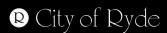
**Of the 33%** of respondents who indicated the **children's playground was an important potential feature** for the New Park at 2 Thistle Street, Ryde:

21% How likely would you be to use 7% 6% 3% this potential new children's playground in the future? (n=152) Likely Very likely Verv Unlikely Neutral unlikely 31% 28% 22% Do you agree or disagree with the 11% 8% potential relocation of Ann Thorn Park playground to the New Park at Strongly Disagree Neutral Agree Strongly 2 Thistle Street Ryde? (n=152) disagree agree

**Do you have any suggestions for this new children's playground? (open-ended)\*** (n=100) Includes survey and drop-in session comments



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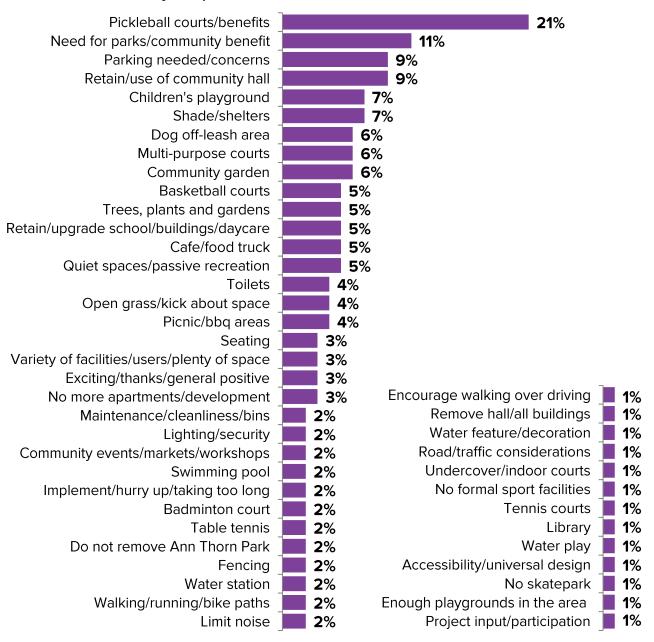


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### **FURTHER COMMENTS**

Do you have any further comments or suggestions regarding the future use of the New Park at 2 Thistle Street, Ryde? (open-ended)\* (n=242) Includes survey, drop-in session comments and email submission comments



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Appendices



### HAVE YOUR SAY WEBPAGE

### New Park at 2 Thistle Street, Ryde

Submissions closed on 18 February 2024, 11:59 PM



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You can Have Your Say on the 'New Park at 2 Thistle Street, Ryde' in a number of ways, including via the online survey, e-mail, post, or by attending one of our drop-in sessions.

All submissions must be received by 11.59pm Sunday 18 February 2024.

#### **Online Survey**

Please complete the online survey via the link below. If you are unable to fill in this survey online, please contact Customer Service on 9952 8222.

Please note, the feedback received in this survey will be shared with the NSW Department of Education.

Complete the Online Survey >



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### HAVE YOUR SAY WEBPAGE (continued)

#### Written Submissions

Written submissions must be clearly marked as 'New Park at 2 Thistle Street, Ryde' and can be sent to:

- Email: cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au
- Post: City of Ryde, Locked Bag 2069, North Ryde NSW 1670

#### **Drop-in Sessions**

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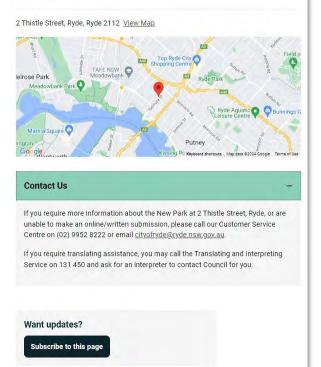
When: Tuesday, 13 February 2024 Time: Anytime between 4pm - 5pm

When: Saturday, 17 February 2024 Time: Anytime between 9.30am - 11.30am

#### Privacy Notification

Personal information collected from you is held and used by Council under the provisions of the Privacy and Personal information Protection Act 1998. The supply of information is voluntary, however if you cannot provide, or do not wish to provide the information sought, Council may be unable to process your application or request, or consider your submission. Please note that the exchange of information between the public and Council, may be accessed by others and could be made publicly available under the Government Information Public Access Act 2009 (GIPA Act). If you require further information please contact Council & Customer Service Centre on 9952 8222. The feedback received from this consultation will be shared with the NSW Department of Solucation.

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Visit the Have Your Say page



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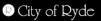
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#### For more information

If you require more information about the New Park at 2 Thistle Street, Ryde please visit the <u>Have Your Say</u> page, email <u>cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au</u>, or call Customer Service on (02) 9952 8222.



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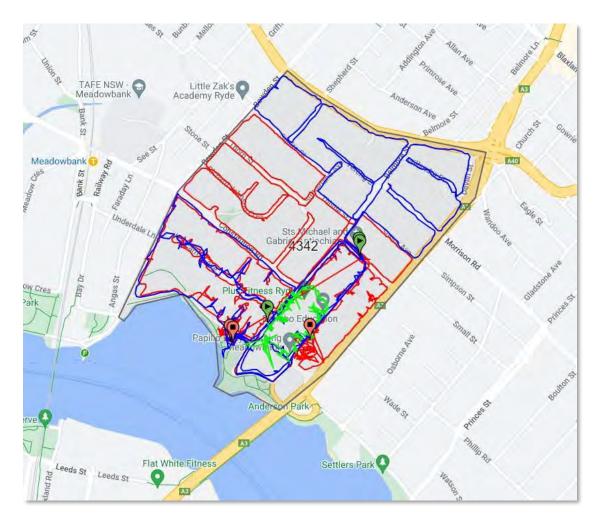
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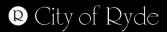
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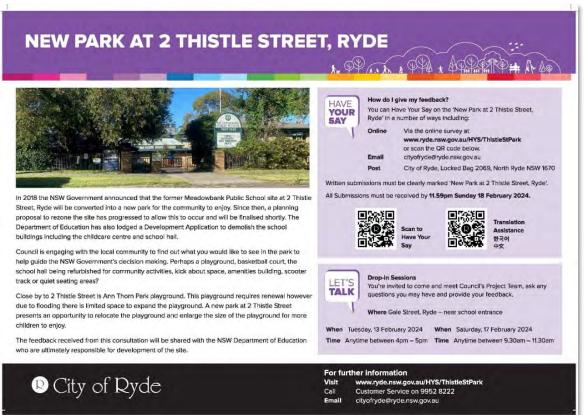
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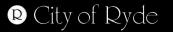












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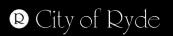
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### **DROP-IN SESSION**

#### Storyboard



www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/HYS/ThistleStPark Call Customer Service on 9952 8222 Email cityofryde@ryde.nsw.gov.au



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### **DROP-IN SESSION**

Dotmocracy

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Amenities Building	Children's Playground	Community Garden	Kick About Space	Multipurpose Court(s)	Picnic Area(s)



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### **DROP-IN SESSION**

#### **Dotmocracy (continued)**



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### FACEBOOK POST



City of Ryde 8 February at 12:00 · 😋

The NSW Government will be converting the former Meadowbank Public School site at 2 Thistle Street, Ryde into a new park for the community to enjoy.

Whether it's a basketball court or a new playground, tell us what you'd like to see in the park and your feedback will be shared with the NSW Department of Education, who are responsible for delivering the park.

Send us your feedback via an online survey or attend one of the dropin sessions with Council's Project Team on eithe... See more



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### OPEN COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS LISTING -THE WEEKLY TIMES

# HAVE YOUR SAY

## OPEN COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS

You are invited to have your say about documents, projects and proposals that are currently on public exhibition, or provide feedback on services and concerns that affect the community.

- Macquarie Park Innovation District Rezoning (Closing 8 February 2024)
- West Ryde Meadowbank Renewal Strategy (Closing 18 February 2024)
- New Park at 2 Thistle Street, Ryde (Closing 18 February 2024)
- Social Plan 2025-2030 and Creativity Strategy 2025-2030 (Closing 25 February 2024)
- Dog Off-Leash Trials 2023 (Closing 20 March 2024)

### Want to find out more?

To find out more about one of the above projects or for information on how to provide feedback, please visit **www.ryde.nsw.gov.au**/ **haveyoursay** or call Customer Service on 9952 8222.