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NEW ROWE STREET EAST SHOPPER CAR PARK IN EASTWOOD ONE STEP CLOSER
Electric vehicle chargers to be installed at car park in a first for the City of Ryde

A development application for the new Rowe Street East shopper car park in Eastwood has been lodged by the City of Ryde, bringing the project one step closer to realisation.

The new multi-storey shopper car park will be located at 53-71 Rowe Street, have a minimum of 150 spaces and – in a first for a City of Ryde-owned facility – will feature charging stations for electric vehicles.

Further Council is looking at appropriate car park time limits and other options to manage turnover of car spaces to support the retail area of Eastwood.

City of Ryde Mayor, Clr Jerome Laxale, said the new shopper car park was the biggest increase in public parking spaces in Eastwood in nearly 50 years.

He said the development application reflected the feedback from the community during consultation conducted by Council.

“Including features such as charging stations for electric vehicles ensures that the new shopper car park will cater for the needs of the community both currently and well into the future,” Clr Laxale said.

“This will be achieved without the destruction of Eastwood Oval, ensuring this Council has delivered on its promise to increase public parking in Eastwood and saving Eastwood Oval from the State Government’s proposed car park.”

It is anticipated construction work to build the new Rowe Street East shopper car park will begin in 2020.

The plans developed are part of Council’s efforts to address the chronic parking shortages currently crippling Eastwood while also revitalising the town centre and local economy.

In addition to the new Rowe Street East shopper car park, Council has also commenced consultation on concepts that propose to relocate the existing Glen Street car park on the western side of Eastwood to the Shaftsbury Road precinct at the edge of Eastwood town centre.

After construction of the Shaftsbury car park, the Glen Street car park site would be transformed into a public plaza and community hub.

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