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## **NEW FACILITIES OFFICIALLY OPENED AT MORRISON BAY PARK**

Upgraded facilities at Morrison Bay Park in Putney have been officially opened with a special three-on-three community basketball event held on the weekend.

WNBL star player Brittany Smart was on hand for the official opening along with members of the Sydney Thunder cricket team and Inner West Bulls basketball team.

The extensive upgrades include a number of new and improved outdoor recreation facilities, such as:

- A new two-thirds basketball court
- Additional cricket nets
- Outdoor fitness equipment
- New pedestrian footpaths
- New pedestrian lighting
- New access ramps to and from the existing footbridge

The upgrades were undertaken by the City of Ryde, with funding assistance from the State Government's Stronger Communities Fund.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said the new and improved facilities were part of the City of Ryde's commitment to provide more outdoor recreational opportunities for the entire community.

"The upgrades mean Morrison Bay Park now has first-class outdoor equipment and sporting infrastructure that is supported by a 1.3 kilometre fitness trail. In addition, the new pedestrian lighting along the existing foreshore and eastern footpaths will encourage more people to use the park during the evening," Cllr Laxale said.

"I would like to thank everyone in the community who participated in the consultation process that helped shape this project, as well as the State Government for providing funding to Council to help complete the upgrade."

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