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COUNCIL TO BUILD RYDE RIVER WALK'S MISSING LINK

The City of Ryde will complete one of the final missing links of the Ryde River Walk and build a connection between Bill Mitchell Park and Ross Street at Tennyson Point.

The award winning Ryde River Walk was opened to the public in 2008, providing access to the Parramatta foreshore for walkers and cyclists between Gladesville Bridge and Ryde Bridge.

However, a section at Tennyson Point diverts from the foreshore and instead forces people up a steep stairway and into local streets. The stairway has proved to be an impediment for some people while also depriving others of accessing a major part of the foreshore.

At the Council meeting last week, Councillors unanimously resolved to build the connection along Glades Bay, between Bill Mitchell Park and Ross Street.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said building the missing link would ensure the Ryde River Walk became more accessible.

“Our waterfront should be available to everyone, not just a few,” Cllr Laxale said.

“The Ryde River Walk is one of the jewels in our city’s crown and building this new connection will not only improve this fantastic outdoor space but also ensure the entire community can access this picturesque part of the Parramatta River.

“As the City of Ryde continues to grow, it is imperative that as a Council we do all we can to provide more outdoor space for everyone to take advantage of and enjoy.”

The connection between Bill Mitchell Park and Ross Street will be included in the 2019/20 year of the 2019-2022 Draft Four Year Delivery Plan.

A report has been commissioned that will determine the estimated cost of the new connection, with the view to using developer contributions to fund the connection’s design and construction.

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