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COUNCIL CONTINUES TO SUPPORT LOCAL SPORTING CLUBS

The City of Ryde will delay planned increases to summer fees or charges (including sportsground hire) until the end of the summer sports season.

The unanimous decision was made by Council to help local sporting clubs navigate their way through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Last year, Council resolved that an increase of non-statutory fees and charges would not take effect until 1 January 2021, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This latest Council resolution means fee increases for sporting groups will not take effect until the end of the summer sports season.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said the decision to delay the increase to summer fees or charges would benefit local sporting clubs and organisations during an extremely challenging period.

"Our local sporting clubs are the lifeblood of our community. By delaying these fee increases we are providing a significant boost to grassroots sports activities throughout the City of Ryde," Cllr Laxale said.

"Since the COVID-19 pandemic began this Council's intention has been to provide support to those who need it. Delaying these fee increases does just that by easing a financial burden for the clubs that have been impacted the most by the pandemic."

The decision not to increase summer fees or charges until the end of the summer sports season, comes after Council waived ground hire and sports field lighting costs for part of the 2020 winter sports season earlier in the year.

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