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NEW BIGGER PLAYGROUND FOR MEMORIAL PARK

Photo Opportunity

The new playground at Memorial Park, Meadowbank, will be officially opened by the Mayor on Friday 17 April, 2.30pm, following a \$278,000 makeover by the Council.

The new playground has roughly doubled in size and has been expanded to the upper terraces of the park. The new features include:

- The latest play equipment with swings, large climbing net, sand pit, high bridge and tunnel slide
- Insect-themed play obstacle course to encourage adventurous play
- Water pump and rock watercourse
- New electric BBQs and taps to complement the existing picnic facilities
- Comfortable seating conveniently located around the play areas
- New tree plantings adding extra shade to the impressive stand of gum trees that are a feature of the park
- Large leaf sculpture atop a 4.5m pedestal
- Well defined paths for easy access.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Bill Pickering, said: "This lovely park overlooking Parramatta River has always been a popular spot for local families and children during the day, as well as joggers, picnickers, bird watchers and nature lovers.

"The new, larger playground adds to the appeal and amenity of the area and responds to feedback from local residents and to future needs of nearby residential developments," he said.

Memorial Park Playground is part of the Council's \$1.8M playground upgrade program that has seen three playgrounds (Granny Smith Memorial Park, Monash Park and Memorial Park) delivered in the last nine months. Upgrades at Lions Park and Gannan Park are expected to be completed by the end of April, while Irene Park, Carara Reserve and Girraween Reserve are expected to be completed by the end of the financial year.

Memorial Park Playground is located just north of Ryde Bridge and is close to Meadowbank Wharf, Meadowbank Station and the Meadowbank Park Netball Courts. It forms part of the award-winning Ryde River Walk. It has a public toilet and convenient parking in Meadow Crescent.

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