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RYDE BOWLING CLUB TO RETAIN COMMUNITY AND RECREATIONAL USAGE

Community response to the Council's decision to develop the Ryde Bowling Club site for the purposes of public recreation has been positive.

Following extensive community consultation, Council at its meeting on 12 May 2015, endorsed proceeding to an expression of interest process in respect to the Ryde Bowling Club site for the long term use of the community.

City of Ryde General Manager, Gail Connolly, said: "The outcome is a positive one with the Council deciding to proceed with an option that the community supports.

"The site could accommodate a mix of community and recreational uses that are permissible under the current zoning."

In March 2015, around 40 local residents attended a community meeting to discuss options surrounding possible usage of the site.

"The main concerns of residents have been to address the loss of community and recreational facilities since the site's closure in December 2013 and this has now been achieved."

Council will now seek expressions of interest to develop the site in line with permissible uses that include facilities for community/environmental/indoor recreation/outdoor recreation/arts/culture, as well as possible restaurants and cafes.

The site's use dates from the early 1900s, on a parcel of land on Blaxland Road at the south-west corner of Ryde Park. The Bowling Club is located mostly on Crown land, with the City of Ryde having care control and management of the land.

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