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MAJOR UPGRADES TO CHRISTIE PARK ON TRACK

City of Ryde Council has announced \$8.2 million in funding to make major improvements to Christie Park.

Initial works to upgrade the park's sportfields to an all-weather, synthetic surface are already underway as part of a three-stage masterplan that aims to transform Christie Park into a home of football. This new funding would expand on these improvements and address stage two of the plan to include futsal fields and an amenities block to cater to growing demand, particularly among female sportspeople.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said: "This is a game-changer for sports fans in our community and clubs like the North West Sydney Koalas and Gladesville Hornsby Football Association."

The Stage 2 works will provide more training space, café facilities and as well as upgrades to change and club rooms.

"With women's football booming in Ryde, it is so important that our amenities buildings and facilities are built with everyone in mind. This stage 2 funding will make Christie Park more accessible for all."

The funding was negotiated by staff as part of a Voluntary Planning Agreement offered by Meriton relating to the development of their site at 112 Talavera Rd, in Macquarie Park. The offer was unanimously accepted by Council last Tuesday.

The planning proposal will be forwarded to the Department of Planning and Environment, with Council seeking approval to obtain feedback from the community through public exhibition.

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