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## CITY OF RYDE WELCOMES NETBALL CHAMPIONS

The ball is truly in Meadowbank's court this July, with the Eastwood Ryde Netball Association (ERNA) selected as Division 3 host for the State Age Netball Championships. The championships event is one of the largest women's sporting events in the southern hemisphere and celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

The competition, held over the weekend at Meadowbank Park's netball courts, includes teams from around New South Wales. ERNA is one of only four hosts of the competition, with Liverpool City Netball Association welcoming the Championship Division, while Camden & District and Inner West Suburb netball associations are hosting divisions 2 and 4 respectively.

The much-anticipated "March Past" featured a lively parade on Saturday by all districts on what was a crisp but sunning morning. Following deliberation by the judges, Ballina Netball Association was announced as the winner.

Councillor Pedersen gave the welcome speech on behalf of the Mayor, Councillor Jerome Laxale, at the event's opening. "The competition is a testament to the popularity of netball in our state and I would like to extend my congratulations to Netball NSW for this wonderful achievement", she said.

"I would like to congratulate Netball NSW representatives and life members, as well as Eastwood Ryde Netball Association executives, life members and sub-committees who worked to make this event such a great success."

"We are so lucky to have with us teams and their supporters from around the state, from Ballina to Mudgee, Tamworth to Tumut, and everywhere in between. I hope you have time to enjoy some of the things our City has to offer while you're here", she said.

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